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DAILY GAZETTE.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—The temperance war has extended to Leavenworth, Kansas.

—The temperance excitement in Dayton, Ohio, is very intense.

—The outstanding legal tenders yesterday amounted to $382,000,000.

—The Government sold $1,000,000 gold yesterday at from 111 87¾-100 to 111 95-100.

—The old frigate Constitution was taken into the Philadelphia dry dock on Thursday. She is to be rebuilt.

—Jean Lute, the claimant's witness in the Tichborne case, has been fully committed for trial on a charge of perjury.

—Judge Pratt, of New York, has vacated the order of arrest in the case of ex-President Bass, and discharged him from custody.

—There was an immense temperance meeting in Cincinnati yesterday. Nearly every Protestant church in the city was represented by its pastor.

—General Levy Sparks, ex-Mayor and long a leading politician of Jeffersonville, is announced as a candidate for State Treasurer of Indiana in the coming election.

—The strike on the Lehigh Valley Road continues. It was instituted for the purpose of getting an advance of ten cents per day over the wages paid before the panic.

—It is reported that the notorious brigand Tiburcio Vasquez and a portion of his gang sailed from San Francisco for Mexico on the steamer Constitution on Wednesday.

—At the session of the Mississippi Valley Dental Association yesterday, a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, and was directed to report at the next annual meeting.

—In the Memphis Criminal Court, on Thursday, a mixed jury was ordered in the case of a colored man charged with the murder of a white man. This is the first instance of the kind in that city.

—The lager beer dealers of Brooklyn appeal to the General Term of the Supreme Court from Judge Pratt's decision giving the Excise Commissioners the right to revoke licenses for selling beer on Sundays.

—A laborer, who was a deck passenger on the steamer Check, committed suicide near Memphis, on Thursday night. Cause—poverty and whisky. From papers found on him it is supposed he was named J. Woods.

—The Governor of Utah has nominated and commissioned a Territorial Treasurer, Attorney General, Librarian and Marshal. The Territorial Legislature failed to elect persons to fill those offices as nominated by him, but elected others without his nomination.

—The libel suit of L. M. Hall, City Marshal of Vicksburg, vs. the proprietors of the *Daily Vicksburger*, was decided by a colored justice of the peace in favor of the plaintiff, binding the defendants to appear in the Circuit Court under a bail bond of $20,000, which was given.

—The Senate Committee on Commerce has agreed to recommend the passage of a bill allowing allens who have declared their intention of becoming citizens to be employed as engineers or pilots of steam vessels. The law now limits such employment to American citizens.

—The carpenters, painters, track hands and freight house employes of the Erie Railway at Buffalo struck on Thursday morning to compel the company to pay alleged back wages due, it is said, since January 1st. The machinists and blacksmiths are not engaged in the strike.

—The New Orleans *Republican* says the Legislature of Louisiana does not seem to consider itself safe in New Orleans with the demonstrated hostility that surrounds them. They propose to withdraw to Baton Rouge. This intention is indicated by an appropriation moved for that purpose.

—The Philadelphia Board of Trade has adopted a memorial to Congress reciting that the customs laws are confused and difficult to understand, and that the proceedings of informers and Government officers under these laws are offensive to the moral sense of the mercantile community.

—Rev. Hammond, accompanied by a number of prominent clergymen at St. Louis, and some thirty or forty ladies and gentlemen, who have been prominent workers in religious meetings there, started for Jefferson City on Thursday, to inaugurate a religious movement among the denizens of the Missouri State Capital.

—A telegram to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs from Agent Moffat, dated Grand River Agency, Dakota, 4th inst, says: "A soldier was killed at Grand river on the 22d of February by Minneconjoes Sioux from Tongue river. There have been no arrivals from the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Agencies. The Indians here are all quiet."

—Dispatches have at last arrived in London from the Gold Coast, fully confirming previous reports of a victory and dispelling the fears which were entertained for the safety of the expedition. The Ashantee king finally surrendered himself into the hands of the British troops, and was a prisoner at General Wolsley's headquarters.

FOREIGN.

—It is stated that soon after the assembling of the British Parliament it will adjourn until the 19th inst.

—Captain General Jovellar visited the United States frigate Wabash, at Havana, on Wednesday. Salutes were fired, the yards manned, and the usual ceremonies observed. This is the first instance of a visit to a foreign man-of-war by a Captain General of Cuba.

Advices from Rio Janeiro contain the following news: The probability of a war with the Argentine States, on account of the new insurrection in Paraguay, was increasing. Troops and vessels were going forward to Paraguay. At Buenos Ayres the elections were in progress, and were attended with intense excitement. Troops were being dispatched to various points on the frontier, and war with Brazil was looked upon as liable to break out at any moment. Munitions were arriving from the United States. The cholera continued, and the deaths from the disease averaged seven daily.

CRIME.

—William C. Brandon, a New York broker, has been held in $40,000 bail for having in his possession $56,000 bonds of the Pennsylvania & Western Railroad, stolen about a year ago.

—Charles W. Adams, an old negro nearly sixty years old, shot, killed, and then beat the brains out of Moses Mosby, another neoro, aged about twenty-one years, in Columbus Bottom, some sixteen miles from St. Louis, on Wednesday. Both were paying their addresses to a young mulatto girl. Jealousy was the cause. Adams was surrendered.

FIRES.

—Bailey & Co.'s rope manufactory in Philadelphia was burned on Thursday. Loss $28,000.

—Labott's brewery in London, Ont., was burned on Thursday morning. Loss $50,000.

OIL STATISTICS.

The Monthly Production of 1869 to 1873, Inclusive.

The Titusville *Courier* gives the number of wells drilling and the daily average production for each month from 1869 to 1873, inclusive. It will be seen that only sixty wells were drilling in December last, less than one half the number at any previous time during the five years given:

	NO. WELLS DRILLING.				
	1869.	1870.	1871	1872.	1873.
January	378	364	167	339	261
February	341	388	173	335	249
March	334	395	176	295	227
April	292	432	254	277	227
May	322	441	295	293	228
June	345	463	294	298	295
July	305	349	316	315	340
August	310	319	342	330	267
September	318	306	438	264	197
October	331	305	470	shut down	163
November	360	306	459	334	139
December	345	191	388	324	60

	DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION—NO. BBLS.				
	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
January	10,102	12,634	14,690	17,070	20,407
February	9 967	11,917	18,740	17,348	21,725
March	9,891	12,385	16,118	16,624	21,461
April	11,067	12,974	14,186	16,626	21,384
May	10,153	14,165	15,218	18,505	25,044
June	11,334	14,817	15,699	17,982	26,449
July	11,697	16,969	16,898	18,349	27,893
August	12,167	17,777	17,078	18,792	30,196
September	12,645	19,489	16,753	15,863	31,809
October	13,071	20,158	16,741		30,403
November	13,317	17,414	16,862	21,287	33,045
December	12,844	16,431	16,531	20,825	34,980

ADAM KUNTZ was the lucky applicant for the position of policeman for the borough of Johnstown, having been elected on the sixth ballot over four competitors. They have two policemen in Johnstown, and Andrew Glass is the name of the other man.

THE residence of Mr. Wm. C. Burt, in Pine township, three miles west of Lincsville, Crawford county, was burned to the ground on Saturday morning. The loss is estimated at between $3,500 and $4,000, with an insurance of $1,800 on building and $400 on contents.

FIRST EDITION.

THE CAPITAL.

$904,000 to be Appropriated for Sea Coast Defences.

Investigations into the Moiety System and the District of Columbia Affairs.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, March 5, 1874.

Fortification Appropriations.

The fortification appropriation bill is before the Senate from its appropriation committee without amendment, as foreshadowed in these dispatches the other day. $904,000, divided equitably among all the fortifications, including $130,000 for stationary torpedoes along our sea coast defences, is all that is provided for in the bill. DIAMOND.

WASHINGTON, March 5, 1874

The Moiety Investigation.

At the session of the Committee of Ways and Means to-day on the moiety question, William E. Dodge, of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., made a long statement, giving a history of the case in which that firm paid $271,000 as a compromise, and showing the manner in which the firm had been treated by Jayne and other Government officers.

District of Columbia Investigation.

The joint select committee investigating the District of Columbia affairs examined George E. Baker, Comptroller, to-day, in regard to the collections and disbursements of revenue during the past three years, and especially in regard to the amounts disbursed for school purposes. From this evidence it appears that the school fund is overdrawn, more money being paid out than the total amount of taxes collected for that purpose.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, March 5, 1874.

Evils of Special Legislation.

The evils of special legislation are becoming so apparent that Congressmen are commenting upon it generally. The new rule adopted this session, which compels all bills making appropriations to be considered in Committee of the Whole, was intended to make haste slowly on special legislative bills, but it has began to work in a directly opposite course. The Friday's and Saturday's sessions of the House, when it is in Committee of the Whole on the private calendar, are devoted principally to rushing through large numbers of special relief bills and claims against the Government. This kind of legislation thus far this session is becoming alarming. An old member of the House, who has served on the Claims Committee many sessions, states that the claims against the Government at this time pending before Congress were never so large in number. He gives it as his opinion, carefully based on experience, that an honest claim before Congress after it has been thrown out of the Departments and Courts, is an exceptionable case.

The Friday and Saturday sessions will have to be discontinued or something done to avoid special legislation, or the result will be an awakening in Congress that the appropriations for such purposes have exceeded the funds on hand in the Treasury.

New York's Statuary Donation.

New York's donation to the statuary of the old House of Representatives, which has just been placed in position, is a full length bronze statue, by H. K. Brown, of her eminent statesman and distinguished soldier, Gen. George Clinton. A better selection could not be made from the leading men of New York. First as a soldier in the French war, then a lawyer, a member of the Continental Congress in 1776, and voter for the declaration of independence; Brigadier General in 1777, Governor of his State for eighteen years, and Vice President of the United States under both Washington and Madison, in the discharge of which latter office he died in this city, in 1812. He presents a most manly appearance in his picturesque Continental uniform in the State, but the artist has so sprawled his legs, made apparently slim by knee-breeches, that one is reminded on looking at it of Talleyrand's remark on the Minister of Baden, who was remarkable for a spare habit of body: "His Excellency," observed Talleyrand, "always puzzles me prodigiously. I can never tell to a certainty whether he walks on three legs or wears three swords."

Reducing the Army Bill.

The bill of the House Military Committee reducing the army is to draw from the House no little debate. That section in the bill reducing the force of the Paymaster's Department will probably not be objected to. The bill allows this reduction, as the system by which pensioners are paid by checks is to be applied to the manner of paying army officers and others in the army, thus doing away with a number of paymasters. General Albright, a member of the Committee, is against the reduction of the army by doing away with seven regiments, as contemplated by the bill, while General Coburn, Chairman of the Committee, is inclined to favor the proposition. General Garfield will undoubtedly vote for the reduction, as he has plainly indicated such a purpose on his part in conversation out of Congress. Mr. Dawes will sustain the reduction. Both these last named gentlemen, being especially noted this session for cutting down expenses, take this stand on the bill in order to be consistent with their position thus far. The army increased, however, have some strong friends in both Houses, who will show considerable opposition to the Committee's bill.

Senate Appropriation Committee Without Work.

The Senate is without any appropriation bill to consider, and its Appropriation Committee are without work, and will be until the Legislative, Judicial and Executive appropriation bill now pending before the House comes before it. This Committee thus far have made very few changes in the appropriation bills as passed by the House, as that body has cut them down as low as they will possibly stand. All thoughts of adding to an appropriation bill after it has passed the lower legislative branch appears to have become dispelled this session, and there is little or no pressure on the Senate Committee to change this work of the House on these bills. DIAMOND.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, March 5, 1875.

SENATE.

Memorials, Bills, etc.

Mr. WRIGHT presented a memorial of the Iowa Legislature for an increase in the volume of the currency.

Mr. BOREMAN introduced a bill to compensate various persons in West Virginia for property belonging to them destroyed by Federal troops during the war. Referred.

Mr. SPRAGUE called up the House bill to amend the act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies. Passed.

Mr. PRATT, from the Committee on Pensions, called up several bills granting pensions to ex-soldiers, and they were passed.

Mr. DAWES, from the Committee on Claims, reported favorably on the bill for the relief of the Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical Association. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. DORSEY introduced a bill to organize the Territory of Oklahoma. Referred.

Mr. BOGY introduced a bill for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi river. It is a copy of the bill reported from the House Committee on Railways and Canals yesterday, authorizing what is known as Eads' project.

The Liquor Traffic.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the liquor bill, the pending discussion being on the amendment of Mr. Bayard providing that all members of the commission should not be in favor of prohibitory legislation or total abstinence, and the amendment was adopted—23 yeas to 22 nays.

The Centennial.

The morning hour expired and the liquor commission bill was laid aside, and the Senate resumed consideration of the Centennial bill, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Frelinghuysen to instruct the Appropriation Committee to report a bill appropriating a sum of money not exceeding three million dollars to defray the expenses of the American Centennial Exhibition.

Mr. STOCKTON moved an additional amendment to the instructions submitted by his colleage (Frelinghuysen) directing the committee to report in favor of holding an international exhibition, so as to exhibit the products of the United States in comparison with those of older nations. Mr. Stockton spoke at some length in favor of the international exhibition, and argued that every word and line of the original bill in 1871 contemplated such an exhibition.

Mr. BAYARD also argued in favor of an international exhibition.

Mr. STEWART moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business, but yielded to Mr. Thurman, who offered a resolution appropriating $10,000 to pay the expenses incurred by the joint select committee to investigate the affairs of the District of Columbia, and asked its present consideration.

Mr. CAMERON objected, and said that yesterday he made an appeal to the Senate to finish the Centennial bill to-day.

Mr. SUMNER said it was impossible to do so, as several gentlemen wanted to speak.

Mr. THURMAN withdrew his resolution.

The question recurring on Mr. Stewart's motion to proceed to the consideration of executive business, it was agreed to—yeas 25, nays 22.

The Senate then went into executive session, and at five o'clock adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Franking Bill.

Mr. SHANKS called up his motion to reconsider the vote rejecting the bill for the free distribution of public documents, &c.

Mr. COTTON moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Rejected—yeas 102, nays 124.

Mr. SHANKS moved the previous question. It was seconded by 121 to 50, and the main question was ordered by yeas 123, nays 103.

The question was then taken on reconsidering the vote rejecting the bill, and it was reconsidered by yeas 121 to nays 106.

Mr. SHANKS then moved to recommit the bill to the Postoffice Committee, with instructions to report back a bill introduced last Monday by Mr. Butler (Mass.)

The motion was rejected—yeas 45, nays 183.

The question then recurred on the passage of the bill as originally reported, and the bill was rejected by yeas 111, nays 120.

The following is the vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Albert, Albright, Arthur, Asbe, Averill, Begole, Bell, Bowen, Bright, Buckner, Burchard, Cain, Caldwell, Cannon, Clark (Missouri), Clymer, Cobb (Kansas), Coburn, Conger, Corwin, Crutchfield, Davis (Va.), Davis (West Va.), Dewitt, Donnan, Dunnels, Durham, Field, Glover, Gunckle, Hamilton, Hancock, Harmer, Harris, (Ga.), Harrison, Hatcher, Havens, Hays, Hazelton (Wis.), Hazleton (N. J.), Hereford, Herndon, G. F. Hoar, Houghton, Howe, Hunton, Hurlbut, Hynes, Kendall, Killinger, Knapp, Lamar, Lamport, Leach, Lewis, Lowe, Magee, Marshall, Martin, McDill (Wis.), McJunkin, McLean, Mills, Moore, Meyers, Neal, Negley, Nesmith, Niblack, O'Brien, Orr, Packer, Parker (Mo.), Pelham, Perry, Phillips, Platt (Va.), Platt (N. Y.), Randall, Rapier, Ray, Read, Rice, Richmond, Rusk, Sawyer, Sener, Shanks, Sloss, Smith (N. C.), Snyder, Southard, Speer, Strait, Strawbridge, Stowell, Taylor, Thomas, Todd, Thornburg, Townsend, Vance, White, Whitehead, Whitely, Williams (Mass.), Williams (Wis.), Wilshire, Wilson (Md.), Woodworth and Young (Ky.)—111.

Nays—Messrs. Archer, Atkins, Banning, Barber, Barnum, Barry, Bass, Beck, Berry, Bland, Blunt, Bradley, Browberry, Brown, Bufton, Bundy, Burleigh, Burrows, Butler, (Mass.), Cason, Cessna, Clarke (N. J.), Clarke (N. Y.), Clayton, Cook, Cobb (N. C.), Cotton, Cox, Crittenden, Crooke, Crossland, Crounz, Curtis, Dobbins, Eames, Eldridge, Fort, Foster, Frye, Garfield, Giddings, Gooch, Hale (Me.), Harris (Va.), Hathorne, Hawley (Ill.), Hawley (Conn.), Hendee, E. R. Hoar, Holman, Hoskins, Hubbell, Hyde, Kelley, Kellogg, Lamison, Lawrence, Lawson, Loughridge, Luttrell, McCreary, McDill (Iowa), McDougall, McKee, McNulta, Mellish, Merriam, Milliken, Niles, O'Neill, Orth, Packard, Page, Pendleton, Phelps, Pike, Poland, Potter, Pratt, Rawl, Roberts, Robinson (Ill.), Ross, Saylor (Ind.), Saylor (Ohio), Scofield, Scudder, Sheats, Sherwood, Smart, Smith (N. Y.), Smith (Ohio), Smith (Pa.), Sprague, Stanard, Starkweather, Sloss, Storm, Tremain, Tyne, Waldron, Wallace, Walls, Ward (Ill.), Ward (N. J.), Wheeler, Whitthorne, Wilber, Willard (Vt.), Willard (Mich.), Williams (Ind.), Williams (Mich.), Willie, Wilson (Iowa), Wilson (Ind.), Wolfe, Woodford and Whitehouse—120.

Virginia Contested Election.

Resolutions were reported from the Committee on Election in the Virginia contested election case, that Davis, the sitting member, is not entitled to the seat, and that Thomas, the contestant, is. The resolutions were adopted without debate and Mr. Thomas was sworn in.

Legislative Appropriation Bill.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Legislative Appropriation bill, Mr. Woodford in the chair, and was addressed by Mr. GARFIELD, the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. He said they had been at the opening of this session, confronted with alarm that the surplus was gone, and they had been told that whenever such a situation occurred, whenever a Government was forced to the necessity of laying new taxes in time of peace, it was because the dry rot had struck into the very frame work of the Government or of the party which held its power. Three questions, he said, presented themselves. First, if there was a deficit in the near future, what was the cause of it? second, was there danger of such a deficit? third, what was the duty of Congress? On the first point he explained that one cause of the deficit was the reduction of taxes every year since the war except two, 1868 and 1873. The taxes had been reduced to an amount in the aggregate of $319,500,000, and yet at the close of the last fiscal year there was a surplus of $49,000,000 receipts above expenditures. In other words, they had been running a race between two forces, one which cut down the expenditures, and the other which cut down the revenues; and the only question now was whether the force that cut down the revenues outstripped the other. It was evident that a deficit was likely to occur. Something had happened to make it occur since the close of the last fiscal year.

Referring to the reduction of taxes, particularly those on tea and coffee, he said that Congress might find that it behaved like Lady Godiva, who took away the tax and built herself an everlasting name. But it might also be that in doing that the public record of the United States would go out despised, and that Lady Godiva, ride naked through the streets of the world. He was simply arrayed against all the cries of the cause of the supposed deficit. The naked fact is that the revenues had been cut down $146,000,000 since July, 1870, and if that cut was not sufficient, to cut away $100,000,000 of the surplus, he did not read addition and subtraction tables aright. He sent to the clerk's desk and had read an extract from Mr. Dawes' speech, to show that the question whether in his statement of the expenditures for the current fiscal year the sinking fund was or was not included, and said that he referred to that part of the speech because of the fact that Mr. Dawes had frankly and manfully acknowledged that the sinking fund was included in his statement of the year's expenditures, and was not included in the statement of the previous year's expenditures, which had not gone to the country. While accusations go on horseback, refutations travel very slowly on foot. The House had been very much startled at least for a month, and the country had been startled for days by the statement that for the current fiscal year the appropriations had swollen from $290,000,000, the figure of last year, to $319,000,000; in other words, that the extravagance of Congress had swollen the expenditures $29,000 000 in a single year. That was a most startling statement, but when that $29,000,000 was reduced, however, to sixty out of his (Dawes') statement to make it correct, not only the bottom had gone from the cause of alarm, but the alarm ought to have gone with it.

He stated to the House the conclusions arrived at by the Committee on Appropriations, they having first settled it as a principle that they would not undertake to cut the appropriations down at all hazards to the level of the revenues. They did not believe in that. They believed that if a cutting down, such as ought to be made for its own sake, did not carry the Treasury through, it was the business of the House to provide ways and means to make up the deficit. It was the business of the House to tell the people when it came to a place where taxation was necessary to fill up the deficit. The Committee on Appropriations proposed that when there was an appropriation growing up out of the war, or otherwise, that might safely be lopped off, to lop it off, and when an expenditure could be postponed for a year without serious injury to the great interests of the Government, to postpone it. When the committee had done those two things, they did not propose to cut down another dollar anywhere.

He then went into the details of the estimates and appropriations for the next fiscal year, and stated as a figure of the reductions $34,500,000 below the gross estimates, and his figure was liable, of course, to be diminished by various appropriations which might be made by Congress, such as the appropriation for the Centennial celebration and for the Washington Board of Public Works. He thought, however, that he was perfectly safe in saying that the expenditure for the next fiscal year, exclusive of the sinking fund, would be reduced to $270,000,000, provided the House should assist the Committee on Appropriations on all its bills, as it had already assisted it on bills reported. He believed that a revival of business and the restoration of public confidence would enable the Government to go through this year and next year without additional taxation; but if, at the end of all efforts to bring down the expenditures to the basis indicated, Congress found it necessary to increase the tax, he had no doubt this Congress would stand up manfully and restore the taxes where they had been cut down. He did not believe that would be necessary. He believed that when they met next session there would be no deficit, but a reasonable surplus.

Mr. BECK said he was prepared to demonstrate the fact that the sinking fund was embraced in Mr. Dawes' statement of the expenditures of former years as well as in that of the current year, and that when Mr. Dawes took back the statement which he had made in that respect he did what the facts did not warrant.

The committee rose and the House took a recess till 7:30. The evening session is to be for the consideration of the bill to revise the statutes.

THE RIVERS.

CINCINNATI, February 5.—River twenty-six feet six inches, and falling. Arrived—Andes, Wheeling; Ben Franklin, Memphis; Allegheny Belle No. 4, New Orleans; Carrie Kountz, St. Louis. Departed—Exchange, Pittsburgh; Andy Baum.

LOUISVILLE, March 5.—River fallen only two inches in the last 24 hours, and at 6 P. M. was stationary, with 11 feet in canal, 9 feet in Indian Pass, and 7 feet on the rocks. Weather mild; prospects of rain. Arrived: John Kilgour, Cincinnati; Esperanza, Pittsburgh; Carrie Kountz, St. Louis; Alex. Swift's barges, Newport. Departed: Kilgour, Cincinnati; Esperanza, St. Louis; Swift's barges, St. Louis; Carrie Kountz, Pittsburgh.

EVANSVILLE, March 5.—Clear till noon; cloudy and raining hard since 4 P. M. River fallen 1 foot; 34 feet by the mark. Up—Idlewild, 10 P. M.; Mary Miller, 3 A. M.; Fayette and Roberts, 9. Down—Mary Ament, 10 P. M.; T. N. Miller, 8 A. M.; Minneola, 1 P. M.; John Gilmore, 1; Morning Star, 5; Mary Houston, 5:30. Business active.

CAIRO, ILL., March 5.—Arrived.—City of Vicksburg, St. Louis, 3 P. M.; Arkansas Belle, Evansville, 5; Mary Davage, Pittsburgh, 2; Grand Tower, St. Louis, 6. Departed—Bee, New Orleans, noon; City of Vicksburg, Vicksburg, 2 P. M. River fallen two inches. Rain since noon; heavier since dark.

MEMPHIS, March 5.—River rising again. Warm and rainy. Arrived—Arlington, Cincinnati. Departed—Bodman, Maude and Shannon, New Orleans; Exporter and Parker, Cincinnati; Nashville, Cairo; Chester, St. Louis.

NASHVILLE, March 5.—River fallen 2 inches; 17 feet 9 inches. Storming and raining hard. Departed—Cook and Shippers' Own, for the Upper Cumberland.

NEW ORLEANS, March 5.—No arrivals. Departed—Belle Lee, Memphis. Cloudy and warm.

SECOND EDITION.

Four O'Clock.

HARRISBURG.

Settling the Salary Question—Something About Appropriations—The Cassville Investigation to go on—Still Discussing Advertising.

The South Side Water Bill—The Proposed New Liquor Bill—It is Recommended—Who Were Interested in the Late Bank Swindle.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, March 5, 1874.

SENATE.

The Member's Salaries.

The bill fixing the salaries of the members was called up, and again elicited considerable debate. It was finally passed by a vote of 17 to 10. The bill as thus adopted makes the salaries of the members $1,000 each for a session of one hundred days and $10 per day for extra sessions that do not extend longer than fifty days.

Women as Inspectors.

Mr. MCCLURE presented at act authorizing the appointment of women as Inspectors to Prisons and Houses of Correction.

Regulating Cities.

The bill making provisions for the better government of cities was called up. It is a very lengthy document, and its discussion occupied the remainder of the session.

HOUSE.

The Cassville Investigation.

The House, by resolution, granted the Special Committee on the Cassville investigation an extension of time in which to prosecute their inquiries.

The Committee has exhausted the appropriation of $1,000, and it is estimated will require from $1,000 to $2,000 more to complete their work. They have been instructed to prosecute their inquiries and report the expense to the Senate.

The Appropriations.

The general appropriation bill was then called up, and elicited a discussion that occupied the remainder of the morning session. During the debate Messrs. Cross, of Beaver, and Orvis, of Centre, had a little dispute as to the appropriation for the improvement of the Capital grounds. The appropriation was for $8,000 and Mr. Cross defeated it, while Mr. Orvis opposed. No change was made.

The bill was finally passed to a third reading.

Taxing Coal.

At the afternoon session the bill authorizing a tax to be put on anthracite coal was called up and then laid over.

"Advertising" Still the Theme.

The bill providing for payment of the expenses for advertising the new Constitution was called up, and debated with vigor and warmth for a while. It was finally referred to a select committee of seven for amendment.

South Side Water Bill.

The "water bill" was next called up. This is the bill which is urged by representatives from the South Side of your city. It's chief characteristic is that it puts the water rent upon the property, leaving landlords and tenants to arrange who shall pay it. The debate on the bill was quite animated, and extended over two hours. The bill was finally passed by a close vote.

The Liquor Bill.

The new liquor bill was reported favorably from the committee. This is the bill, which, it will be remembered, was approved by the Convention of liquor dealers at Reading some weeks ago.

The main provisions of this bill are that it repeals all existing local option laws; provides for the uniform license throughout the State, divided into three classes—the first class to pay $50 and the third class $200; repeals all existing licenses granted to the proprietors of eating houses to sell liquors.

The bill is looked upon as the first straw indicative of a discussion over Local Option. ARCTIC

The Appropriation Bill.

The General Appropriation bill, as it passed the House yesterday, makes the following appropriations:

Governor's salary	$ 10,000
Private Secretary	2,500
Executive clerk	1,500
Messenger	900
Incidentals	2,000
Watchman	900
Secretary Commonwealth's salary	3,500
Deputy Secretary	2,250
Chief clerk	1,500
Eight clerks	11,200
Miscellaneous	5,300
Editing proceedings of Board of War	2,500
Auditor General's salary	3,000
Chief Clerk	1,200
Recording tax laws	1,000
Nine clerks	12,600
Miscellaneous	5,275
Surveyor General's salary	2,500
Chief Clerk	1,400
Seven clerks	15,700
Miscellaneous	2,400
Attorney General's salary	3,500
Deputy Attorney General	1,800
Clerk messenger	1,400
Miscellaneous	1,000
Adjutant General's salary	2,500
Three clerks	4,600
Miscellaneous	11,072
State Treasurer's salary	6,000
Four clerks	6,200
Miscellaneous	2,700
Superintendent of Common Schools' salary	2,500
Deputy Superintendent	1,800
Additional deputy	3,200
Three clerks	4,200
Miscellaneous	7,300
Common Schools	1,900,000
Commissioner of Statistics	2,500
Three clerks and messenger	4,200
Miscellaneous	1,400
State Librarian's salary	1,800
Assistant	900
Miscellaneous	1,100
Superintendent Public Printing	1,600
Contingent expenses	100
Public printing and binding	50,000
Legislative Record, per page	14
Superintendent Public Buildings	1,400
Watchmen	3,660
Repairs to buildings and grounds	7,000
Winding and oiling capitol clock	125
Harrisburg water department	600
Harrisburg gas company (amount found due	
Harrisburg fire companies	700
Judges Supreme Court salaries	42,000
Judges of Philadelphia	60,000
Associate Judges	30,000
Dauphin county Judge	5,000
County Judges, each	4,000
Associate Judges	50,000
Orphans' Court Judges, each	3,500
Legislative expenses (being $1,000 each and mileage to the members)	250,000
Forwarding *Daily Journal*	250
Interest funded debt of State	1,500,000
Chambersburg loan certificates	5,500
Resident clerk, expenses	1,500
Senate clerk, expenses	850
Legislative Chaplains	300
Board Public Charities	5,000
Indexing Journals	200
Stationery, printing paper, fuel (as required by the Senate)	

The Bank Swindle.

Mr. Young's investigating committee in the bank swindle, after detailing the transactions, say that the evidence shows Dimmick to have been the originator of the scheme, and that it was not done for the purpose of influencing legislation by bribery, but to replenish Dimmick's own pocket.

In reference to the remittances from banks the report says: The only instances of such remittances that came to the knowledge of the committee were those in which they were sent to the Harrisburg banks. The Union National Bank, of Philadelphia wrote John A. Bigler, Vice President of the Bank, Harrisburg, to pay $125 to Saunders, when the bill passed. The Manufacturers' National Bank, of Philadelphia, sent to James W. Weir, cashier Harrisburg National Bank, a check for $250. Drexel & Co., of Philadelphia, sent a check for R. H. Gibbons, of $75, to Dougherty Bro's. & Co. The Western National Bank of Philadelphia authorized the First National Bank of Harrisburg to pay $125 for any necessary expenses attending the passage of the bill, and the Second National of Titusville sent to the same bank a draft for $100, to be paid if the matter was all right. With these exceptions, the committee have no information that banks or bankers responded to the assessments by remittances, and are led to believe by the testimony and other information that but very few of the banks made any response to the circulars.

In the discharge of their duty, the committee found it necessary to visit Philadelphia, Reading and Honesdale to obtain testimony. In the latter place the committee ascertained that parties named R. H. Gibbons and E. L. Saunders were known there.

Mr. R. H. Gibbons was called as a witness, and stated that he knew nothing of this matter under investigation, and had not authorized the use of his name by any person in that connection. The E. L. Saunders known at Honesdale is a lady that is said to reside in New York, but who had visited Honesdale frequently since 1869—a portion of the time stopping at the house of Wm. H. Dimmick.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 5, 1874.

Woodhull & Co. in the Tombs.

In the case of Woodhull, Claflin and Blood, on trial for libel in the Court of General Sessions to-day, an application for a reduction of bail was refused, and the prisoners were taken to the Tombs.

Police Commissioner Nominated.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen this afternoon, the Mayor sent in the nomination of Tax Commissioner Geo. H. Andrews as Police Commissioner in place of the late Henry Smith.

THE WHISKY WAR.

A Change of Programme in Columbus.

COLUMBUS, O., March 5.—The immense crowds which followed the crusade yesterday induced a change of programme, and this morning about two hundred ladies were divided into four squads, going in opposite directions. But still each squad had its attendant satellites in large numbers. At 12 o'clock all the squads met at the Presbyterian Church and reported twenty places visited with varying success. At several beer saloons the doors were locked and admittance refused, while at others the proprietors treated the ladies well, and made them speeches evidently prepared for the occasion. At one saloon, just as the ladies reached the outside door, a crowd of men rushed in, and calling for beer, rattled glasses and laughed to show their contempt. The proprietor refused to allow prayer to be offered, saying he feared it would only cause the ladies to be insulted. One wholesale liquor dealer refused to allow prayer to be offered. Several prominent grocers said they would give up liquor selling if other grocers would do so. Several of the saloon keepers expressed a willingness to sell out, and whether this was done or not, they would promise not to purchase more stock. No particular indignity was offered at any place, and the ladies derived considerable encouragement from this fact. Quite a number of signatures were obtained to the citizens' pledge, but not one liquor dealer could by song or prayer be induced to sign the dealers' pledge.

The first open attempt to interfere with the lady crusaders occurred this afternoon. The ladies pursued the same plan as that adopted this morning, going in squads to separate parts of the city. One squad went to a beer and beer saloon on West State street, kept by Louis Carrodi, an Italian. They were followed by an immense crowd of people, who seemed bent on making sport of the whole proceeding. The bar-keeper met the ladies at the door and refused to sign the pledge. When the ladies commenced to sing some one in the hotel began to play "Shoo, fly!" on a cornet, and kept playing during the prayer which followed. The baleony of the hotel was filled with German men and women, who mocked those who prayed, and one man twice spit on the ladies beneath him. The crowd in the street yelled and cheered until Captain Keeler, Chief of Police, called for silence, and made a short speech, asking respectful attention and commanding order in the street. This had the desired effect, and the ladies moved to the next saloon, the cornet in the hotel in the meantime playing, "Home, Sweet Home!"

The most disgusting attempt at ridicule occurred just after the ladies left Carrodi's place. Lawrence Aumlier, Commissioner, collected a crowd of male and female loafers, and held a mock prayer-meeting, after which he invited the crowd in to take a drink. While another squad was making their way on High street, they called at Theobald's saloon, and were met at the door by the proprietor, who told them that in accordance with resolutions adopted by the Liquor Dealers' Association last night, he could not allow them to come beyond his steps. The ladies then knelt in prayer, during which a wagon from a brewery drove up and a stalwart German driver shouldered a keg of beer and marched through the prayerful ranks into the saloon. At this point of the proceedings an immense crowd of Germans, many of whom were women, set up shouting and screaming and assumed such a threatening attitude that the police advised the ladies to desist from further services at that point for fear of a serious disturbance. This advice was taken and the procession moved on to another point. Various other saloons were visited, but no pledges from dealers have been obtained. Each squad obtained some new signatures to the citizens' pledge.

All day a prayer meeting was held at the First Presbyterian church to-day, and just at the close this evening a number of signatures were obtained to the citizens' pledge, some of the signers being men of notoriously bad habits and hard drinkers. James G. Bair, the Democratic Mayor of this city, signed the total abstinence pledge to-day. The ladies show no signs of growing weary of the work, and in fact are much stronger in faith and numbers than heretofore. More citizens than ever to-day having much to do in increasing their strength. The excitement over the crusade in all circles is growing more intense each day. Several of the most prominent attorneys here are preparing a temperance ordinance that will probably, ere long, be presented to the Council and pressed through, if possible.

The Campaign in New York.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The ministers of all the churches are beginning to move in the temperance crusade, and a mass meeting of the clergy has been called for next Monday. Dr. John Hall enters the pulpit with "Temperance" for his text, in the Olivet chapel to-night. The managers of the National Temperance Society met to-day to discuss the movement of a mass meeting of ladies called for Friday. The Seventh Avenue Methodist Church has been engaged for a mass meeting a week from Friday, at which Dio Lewis and many clergymen are to speak. The same day is to be observed in Brooklyn as a day of special prayer for the temper

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 111¼.

THE Connecticut political canvass has fairly opened, and promises to be a hotly contested affair.

THE British Parliament convened yesterday, and re-elected Hon. Mr. Brand Speaker. It is understood that a fortnight's adjournment is to take place.

A REPORT comes from Havana that Gen. Jordan has landed at the head of an expedition on the Cuban coast, and that the Spaniards have been driven into Puerto Principe.

GENERAL NEGLEY has succeeded in securing an agreement, on the part of the Committee of Commerce, to report $100,000 for the improvement of the Ohio river, and $25,000 for the harbor at this city.

THE Women's Temperance movement in this city is a success in so far as that it commands very large audiences, and gains in moral force. The audience room of Mr. Hanna's church was densely crowded yesterday.

THE McClure people, after having solicited evidence and money with which to contest the election of Stokely, as Mayor of Philadelphia, now elaborately set forth their reasons for not making the contest. These reasons are that it will require three years, and from $30,000 to $30,000 to make the contest,—all of which was as well known before the money was gathered as now. The uproar made was doubtless with a view to collections for election expenses.

WHYTE, the retiring Governor and new Senator of Maryland, before the body of the late Judge Daniels, of the Orphans' Court of Baltimore, had been placed under ground, and within twenty-four hours of the time of expiration of his (Governor Whyte's) term of office, had nominated the Judge's successor, and the Senate at once confirmed him. This was hurrying matters, decidedly. The new Judge had an opportunity to attend his predecessor's funeral on Wednesday, while the new Governor of Maryland was being inaugurated.

WE sympathize with Hon. Russell Errett in the bereavement he has just sustained in the death of his son, Edwin Errett. The young man has been employed for a year or two in the Allegheny National Bank as clerk. He died after a brief illness, just as he was entering upon the most promising period of his life. Death is at all times a sad visitant, but it is the author of peculiar sorrow when it takes away the young at the most hopeful period of their career. We extend expressions of sincere condolence to those afflicted by the death of the young man mentioned.

THE aims and purposes of the French Imperialists have been stated by M. Rouher, who represents the Prince Imperial in France. He says that on the arrival of the Prince at maturity, there will be a general but quiet celebration of the event in France and at Chiselhurst. No political demonstrations are to be made. The Prince desires to pursue his military studies at Woolwich till he graduates, in February next. He has risen in grade in his class from thirty-six, where he entered, to be the head of his class. Thus a year must elapse before any serious political demonstrations are made looking to the re-establishment of the empire.

THE FAMINE in India is developing into an uncontrollable and wide-spread calamity. Eastern Tirhoot is the point where it is now raging, and the extent of the devastation may be seen in the telegram from Calcutta we publish this morning, which states that the applicants for Government aid have increased to 30,000 in one week. Tirhoot, in which the famine is now raging, has an area of 6,343 square miles—or about one-fifth less than the State of Massachusetts. It has a population of 4,384,000—or a trifle more than the population of this State, and these people cover the soil in the proportion of 700 to the square mile. Let famine once get hold of this dense mass of human beings, and it is inevitable that pestilence should come in its train. Previous to the organization made in view of the impending famine, Tirhoot formed one administrative district, in which the British power was represented by seven civil Judges, fifteen Magistrates, and 950 police of all grades. The ruler of this populous principality was a young district officer of twelve years' service, at a salary of $14,000. For famine purposes, however, Tirhoot has been placed under two district officers, the rest of the administrative machinery remaining apparently unchanged. Every effort is being made by the principal authorities to meet the emergency, but it is an almost hopeless task.

THE MOIETY SYSTEM.

Much is being said by the press relative to what is called the "Moiety System," or method of paying those who discover violations of customs laws, and furnish evidence with which to convict guilty parties. Special Agent Jayne represents this system, and he is, just now, the subject of severe comments. There is a similar system under which evasions of Internal Revenue laws are searched out and prosecuted, and a man named Sanborn represents this class. He, also, is the subject of rather severe animadversions. The prevailing utterances of Democratic journals would lead to the supposition that these men have been permitted, if not directly authorized, to swindle a virtuous class of people, who either were entirely innocent of wrong or who at most had only violated the law in a technical manner. Of course the purpose which underlies all such statements is to convict President Grant's administration of corruption.

The simple fact is, so far as has yet been developed before the Investigating Committee of the House at Washington, these men have strictly complied with the law under which they were appointed, and are not charged with corruption in any form. The only thing said against them is that they have made a certain amount of money, by prosecuting infractors of law. Jayne boldly declared to the Committee, and challenged denial in the presence of a number of the very merchants mulcted, that he had ever prosecuted a merely technical violation of law. He gave instance after instance where the violations were clear and purposeful, and showed the methods by which the guilty parties were brought to justice. Some of these very parties were put on the stand, and while each was anxious to make a good showing for himself, none ventured to deny the statements of Jayne.

We notice certain statements in the New York press, however, that imply a collusion between Sanborn and the regular officials for a division of the spoils. It was in brief this: An estate was in process of settlement, and the administrators had paid to the Government a sum that was thought to approximate the proper amount. In the settlement, however, some $14,000 were yet due the Government. A simple notification would have caused its payment. This account was given to Sanborn, who at once collected it,—making $7,000 thereby. The implication is, that the Assessor was privately interested in having it collected in this way. But there may be another side to this story. After carefully sifting all the cases that have been mentioned, our conclusion is, not that merchants, but the Government, if any party, has suffered loss. The fact that merchants will pay without a contest, hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Government, shows that the facts are against them. We are yet to be convinced that they have, in a single case, been wronged. Their conduct proves that they have not been.

There are even, two sides to the question whether the Government has suffered injury. That the moieties are entirely too liberal is clear, and the object of the investigation now in progress is to amend the law in this, and perhaps other particulars. The facts developed unquestionably show, 1. That there is a somewhat general propensity among the merchants of New York, and probably other cities, to cheat the Government out of a portion of its customs duties. 2. That after deducting moieties, several millions of dollars have been secured to the United States Treasury which otherwise would probably have been lost—through the efforts of special agents; and it is fair to presume that the indirect result of the knowledge that they were watched, has been to make the merchants more honest than they otherwise would have been. It seems clear, that the merchants have not been wronged by the operations of the moiety system. Whether the Government has paid too much for the benefits derived is exactly what is being investigated. We judge it has,—yet it has paid just what the law permitted. The truth is, when the law was framed, it was not expected that many or large violations of law would be discovered. But like our Mayoralty fee system, it has grown to be a large matter, and Congress is preparing to rectify it.

THE INSANE POOR.

We mentioned yesterday a criticism against the Board of Public Charities. We have now before us an appeal from that Board to the Legislature which, while doubtless prepared before attacks were made upon them, and not, therefore, a defense, *is* a very conclusive defense as against charges of not performing their duty. It gives a variety of facts in proof of the allegation that the State Asylums for the Insane are used rather for patients able to pay for treatment than for those who are not possessed of means. It points out that Dixmont, which is a private hospital, having some State aid, acts more generously in this particular—receiving 1,288 public as against 1,249 private patients; while that at Harrisburg, which is a State institution, and should care first for the *poor* insane, has 2,216 private to 1,298 public, or poor patients. We regret to think that the attacks upon the Board of Charities by the Harrisburg *Telegraph* have been inspired by these statements of the Board, and are therefore a defense of the wrong doings of the asylum authorities, made by attacking the Board of Charities.

Leaving the question whether the Board of Charities are amenable to criticism, we frankly confess that we are in thorough sympathy with their report. State asylums are intended first to care for public patients. They are supported by State funds —are State property—and are designed particularly to care for those who have not the means or friends able to provide care for them. There are private insane asylums in the State where the best care and first-class medical skill can be had. In these a place can always be obtained for those who have money to pay for the attention required. It is simply an outrage to attempt to direct the public institutions from their legitimate purpose. But this merely abstract phase of the subject is its best. There is another and really horrible side to it. It is, that in a large number of county poor houses there are insane persons, who have the first and only real claim to the privileges of State asylums, who are treated with a barbarity that is absolutely indescribable. We dare not publish even the brief descriptions of some cases as given in this report. We give the summing up:

Insane totally neglected—morally, physically, and medically: less attention is given to them than would be given to the lowest animals; four are incapable of self-care, confined in filthy cells; one, a female, has great neighborhood notoriety, from sad incidents connected with her history; known as an intelligent, esteemed, and attractive young lady, the daughter of a well-known inhabitant of the neighborhood. A bed of straw upon a damp, dirty floor, into which the external light can find no entrance, is the only furniture. A seat, a chair, or a bench, has apparently never been furnished; the consequence of which is that the cramped position in which she was always found, has become permanently contracted; so that the only movement of which she is capable is one similar to that of a frog.

An unusually large number of insane, many of chronic form, but quite a number of strongly marked cases, who were confined and had been chained to the floor until released by my direction. A young girl of seventeen years of age confined in a gloomy cell; since removed by my request to the State Hospital, where she is gradually being restored.

Twenty-two insane; twelve are kept in close confinement, some in chains; one always chained to the ceiling to prevent him from tearing his clothes; some entirely nude; at least six with straw litters; not one of the twelve was ever removed into the open air. All confined in apartments opposite each other, a narrow corridor extending between them. The effect of this close proximity was to make the day and night hideous with the distressing shrieks and yells of the wretched and maltreated madmen.

Eight insane, one of whom hand-cuffed, one hoppled; one female confined to her room.

One hundred and thirty-five inmates, four blind, one palsied, seven idiots; seven cells in the basement, with insane in each, in a revolting condition.

Twenty insane; of these about eight were confined, not to their uncomfortable cells only, but restrained by iron fetters, long after the necessity had passed away. These were removed at my instigation and the doors of their cells were opened, to give them the benefit of the open air and exercise, with decided improvement in their condition.

Now all these cases and others without number have and have had their histories (histories as touching to human sensibilities as any which the more "respectable" poor can furnish), which should excite interest and sympathy, and should also command the efforts and influence of good men to create the needed revolution in the system now pursued at the State hospitals, to stop it at once and forever.

In closing this summary, the Board of Charities say: "It is a fraud on the public to allow these wards of the State—and who alone of this class are strictly such,—to go down to certain misery and death, while providing from the public resources for citizens who can be helped by their own means or the means of friends." We echo this statement. We strongly urge upon the Legislature the immediate investigation of this subject. If these reports are correct, and we accept them as such, the authorities in charge of the Harrisburg Asylum need immediate attention, and should be removed. But in any event, there should be such legislation enacted as will *immediately* reform the outrages thus reported, the existence of which are a shame and reproach to the State.

The Jews in Italy.

Dr. Berliner has published an article in the *Judische Presse* describing the condition of the Jews in Italy. There are five synagogues in Rome, two of which belong to the Spanish and the rest to the Italian rite. They are called Scuola del Tempio, (which is said to have existed at Rome since the time of Titus) Catalna, Castilinao, Siziliano, and Scuola Nova. All these synagogues are in one building, but they all have separate entrances from different streets. The reason of this is that the Inquisition would only allow one separate synagogue in Rome, and it was only with great difficulty and by means of a lavish expenditure of money that permission was obtained to retain the rest on condition that they should all be lodged in the same building. The Talmud was on the Index of the Inquisition, and none of the synegogues were allowed to have even a single copy of it. There are altogether 4,560 Jews Rome, most of whom are in a destitute condition.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

MISS ADA W. NOYES, an actress, died in New York on Thursday of hydrophobia. She was bitten by a pet poodle about two weeks ago.

BRAVE men can term fair women
The "apple of their eye,"
But when it comes to office
"No *ladies* need apply!"

THE test suit involving the validity of about one and a half million of dollars of the new issue of the Bank of Tennessee is now before the Supreme Court of that State.

REV. DR. CUYLER says if the dramshops of Brooklyn were in a line, they would reach five miles, and that over $20,000,000 were spent in that city alone each year for liquor.

THE directors and board of managers of the Nashville Exposition have determined to continue the annual Exposition, changing the time, however, from spring to fall.

A KENTUCKY paper apologizes for having spoken of "the red-headed, malignant mule who dispenses the county money," by saying that it wrote: "Big-hearted, valiant soul."

A MISSOURI farmer drew all his money out of the bank during the late panic and put it nobody knows where. Then he died suddenly, and now his heirs are widely prospecting in all sorts of probable and improbable places.

A PAIR of San Francisco fools recently chartered a tug and steamed outside the bar, with the romantic intention of having the wedding ceremony performed on the bounding billow. It is comforting to know that they were very sea sick, and were obliged to return unmarried.

FLORIDA has abolished the office of Aujutant General. It would be a good thing if every State would do likewise. The periodical appearance of these fierce warriors, and the memory of the sanguinary scenes they have passed through, only serve to keep alive an unhallowed thirst for gore.

THE lumber trade of the Mississippi valley is prodigious. Last year the total measurement of lumber of all kinds was one thousand and thirty-two millions one hundred and sixty-three thousand six hundred and twenty-eight feet. The estimate of logs on hand for the season of 1874 was 315,500,000 feet.

ANXIETY is expressed for the safety of the steamer Bismark, which left Bremen for New York three weeks ago, via Southampton, where she took extra cargo and passengers, leaving there on the 15th of February, and since which time she has not been heard of. The company think the vessel is delayed by the recent fearful weather on the Atlantic.

THEY tell a queer story of the "Grange" at Palmer, Mass. Its Master is a horny-handed lawyer; its Steward is connected with a carpet factory; its Secretary deals in hardware; its Assistant Secretary is a druggist; its Overseer is a doctor; its Treasurer is a dentist, and its Gatekeeper is—a real farmer, with one other real farmer in the Grange, to keep him from being lonesome.

A HAMILTON (Ontario) dispatch says: On Wednesday afternoon Mollie Helbrook, alias Mary Hay, who was in charge of a detective, en route from New York to Chicago, charged with stealing $20,000 in bonds, escaped from custody here by leaving the train and throwing herself into the arms of a policeman and claiming protection. She was taken before a magistrate and discharged, as she could not be detained.

FOR the benefit of those who suppose California's newly-fledged university is only for rich men's sons, it is too much has taken the trouble to find out how many worked their way last term. He finds ninety-eight such. Many of the students have found work about the grounds of the university. Some work for their board in private families. Others spend their Saturday in San Francisco, working at their trades, and he estimates that over half the students assist themselves by manual labor.

A NEW YORK *World* correspondent has been improving himself by spending a Sunday at Auburn State Prison, where he enjoyed the edifying spectacle of 1,200 convicts at divine service. Only one chaplain to this large number of prisoners seems short spiritual allowance, despite his assurance that they are all under conviction and praying for pardon. There is great need of sanitary improvement in the prison and of some different system of legislative management, to make the institution a school of reform instead of a school of demoralization.

DR. JOHN C. WATERS, of Nashville, came to his death on Wednesday evening by breathing the fumes from an exploded gasoline lamp. At the time he was dressing himself preparatory to attending prayer meeting, in company with a young lady. He was the son of Hon. H. L. Waters, of Wilson county, Tenn., and was one of the graduating class who received their diplomas one week ago at the Medical College in Nashville.

THE gold coinage at the U. S. Mint for the month of February amounted to $750,830, almost all in double eagles. The silver coinage amounted to $265,170, more than half of which was in dollar pieces; the remainder of the amount was in halves, quarters and dimes. Of the minor coinage there was $26,700 in five cent pieces, $1,500 in three cent pieces, and $5,000 in cents. The total number of pieces coined during the month was 2,024,820, of the value of $1,049,200.

CHICAGO, since 1860, has made very rapid strides in the establishment of manufactories within its bounds. In 1860 that city had 125 manufactories; it now has over 750, employing a capital of over $50,000,000, and giving employment to 50,000 well-paid artisans. This is an increase of 500 per cent. in fourteen years. If this rate continue, the city in 1884 will have 3,375. Most of the heavy manufacturing is done on the "West Side," hence in a degree escaped the great fire.

OMAHA, NEB., has four smelting furnaces, four for lead and antimony, six separating furnaces, two capelle, one cupola, and twelve retort furnaces. These smelt twenty tons of ore and separate and refine thirty tons of crude metal per day. During 1871, the shipments of silver and gold were $1,020,635 54; of lead, 4,241 tons. The works did twice as much business in 1873 as in 1872, and more than twice as much in January, 1874, as in the corresponding month last year. Most of the precious ores worked are classed as "high grade," yielding from $7,000 to $9,000 per ton, the latter figure being produced from ore taken out of the famous Emma Mine.

THE committees representing the General Synod of the Reform Church in America, and the General Session of the Presbyterian Church in the South, who met for the first time in New York on Saturday to devise a plan for uniting these two bodies, have concluded their labors. The subject of consolidating the churches was thoroughly discussed by the members of the Union, and the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed. Their final action was substantially as follows: The committees unanimously agreed to report to their respective bodies, which will meet in May and June of this year, that a plan of cooperation is practicable so far as the leading features of ecclesiastical work are concerned, and especially that relating to home and foreign missions and the publication in interest. No steps have thus far been taken towards effecting an organic union of the denominations represented, but the harmony which prevailed renders it probable in the minds of many that this consummation will be reached at no distant day.

FOREIGN NOTES.

A DISPATCH from Calcutta reports that the distress among the famine-stricken people in eastern Tirhoot is increasing. In one village alone there have been eighteen deaths from starvation in four days. The number of applicants has increased from fifteen thousand to thirty thousand within a week.

AT the burial of the late Baron Meyer Amschel de Rothschild, late member of Parliament for Hythe, the coffin was strewed with flowers at the grave, and, when it was lowered into the ground, the bystanders exclaimed in Hebrew; "May he reach his home in peace!" Earth was then thrown upon the coffin by the relatives, nearly all these present following their example.

MARRIAGE and railway travel do not seem to be very closely connected in America, but in India the reverse is the fact, for we find an officer of the East India Railway Company explaining the falling off in the passenger receipts of the year by the fact that it was a "twelfth year," which is regarded by the Hindoos as so unfavorable to marriage that no one, or scarcely any one is married. And as weddings are the great occasions in Hindoo life, when there is great pomp and a general gathering together of friends, they cause a great deal of traveling.

A HAVANA letter says that rumor of severe fighting in the Central Department are current; also of an expedition having landed at Guanaha, near Neuvitas, with Jordan in command. The Spanish troops were retreating on the 11th of February, bound for Puerto Principe, their starting point, when they were attacked the second time at a place called Moja Casabe. They say the object of the retrograde movement was to place their wounded in a place of safety, and that the assailing force at Moja Casabe suddenly took to flight. The Cubans say their ammunition ran short, and orders were given to cease firing. If they had had an abundant supply, they would have driven the Spaniards right into the heart of Puerto Principe.

THE imperial and kingly people of Europe, now in the business, are better paid than the public functionaries of this country, for the reason, probably, that in the majority of cases the former have the fixing of the amount themselves. Thus the Emperor of Russia receives 8,250,000 thalers; the Sultan of Turkey, 6,000,000 thalers; the Emperor of Austria, 5,500,000 thalers; the Emperor of Germany, 4,500,000 thalers; the King of Italy, 2,500,000 thalers; the Queen of England, 2,500,000 thalers. In proportion to the national income of these countries, the Queen of England receives the lowest on the civil list, namely: seven-tenths of one per cent., the Sultan receiving the highest, eleven per cent. In France Marshal MacMahon, besides his annual military pay of $6,000, gets, as President of the republic, $120,000 a year. A French general of division gets $2,000 a year, a brigadier $960. Our military and naval men do a little better than that.

PERSONAL.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS thinks he will be a Presidential candidate in 1876.

SIR RICHARD WALLACE lost a set of armor worth $75,000 by the burning of the London Pantechnicon.

JUDGE JERE BLACK, we see it stated, has joined the Patrons of Husbandry, and expects through the Granges to accomplish certain long cherished objects.

How doth the little Benny B.—
To Boston show his power?
He drops per-Simmons in her tea
And calls it "Brahmin sour."
N. Y. Com. Ad.

CHARLES BRADLAUGH'S reception at Northampton, on his return from America, is described as having been unusually enthusiastic. Nearly 12,000 people met him at the depot, and, preceded by a band of music, conducted him to the market square, where he addressed them from a neighboring window.

A COUPLE were recently married in Hardin county, Iowa, and after the ceremony the bride asked the husband his name. They had been acquainted only a few hours when he proposed and she accepted. The frankness on the part of the bride, showing a desire to know her husband's name, is auspicious of a happy future.

EX-PRESIDENT MILLARD FILLMORE is sick with paralysis. He was born January 7, 1800, and is consequently in his seventy-fifth year. If his attack shall not prove directly fatal, it is a warning that his career is drawing to a close, for paralysis is a foe over which men who have passed three score and ten seldom triumph.

AS SOON as Rev. Dr. Porteous arrived in New York he presented his credentials and applied for a license to preach. Bishop Potter gave him a license for that diocese, and Bishop Littlejohn a similar one for that of Long Island. But on Wednesday he received letters from the Bishops revoking his license, the charges being that he preached in non-Episcopal pulpits and delivered lectures on frivolous subjects. The expression of broad church views by Doctor Porteous, and the movement among the Liberal Episcopalians in Brooklyn to secure the doctor for pastor, are suggested as additional reasons for the revocation of the license to preach.

A GIANT TRAFFIC.

The Liquor Business in New York.

The New York *World*, as an introductory to a lengthy article on the subject, remarks that the business done in liquors of every description in this country is pretty generally known to be enormous. But just how enormous it is—involving how much capital, working how many men, producing how much profit, enlisting how much real estate for its work as compared with other main industries of the country —is something that requires a little cyphering to show. *New York City does about one-eighth the drinking of the entire United States*, a proportion which is in close agreement with the relative wealth of the city and the Union, but is what will be seen to temperance people outrageously disproportionate to the respective populations, being simply stated as follows: "A New Yorker drinks five times as much spirituous, vinous and fermented liquor as anybody else." The New Yorker, too, is getting more and more libations, for the consumption of liquor per man in the city has always increased more rapidly than the population. and he seems likely, if he shall keep on in the same way for a few centuries, to give up all his leisure to the mere emptying of tumblers.

The retail liquor business in New York City employs more men than go to populate many a snug city in the State, and more than six times the population of one of its counties.

The real estate devoted to it is worth more than all the estate real and personal of any county in the State, one out of five being excepted, and the yearly business done would buy out the poorest of the counties twenty times over.

The liquor drank in New York yearly would, as nearly as can be estimated, supply the Croton pipes for at least two days as a substitute for water.

The women who wish to stop liquor selling have at least a work of some magnitude upon their hands in New York.

Possible New Crusade.

Several benevolent ladies of Cincinnati, the wives of leading professional men and retired merchants, received a note a few days since signed by four courtesans, who professed penitence, asking the ladies to call and pray with them at the house of one Francis Hall. A committee was appointed by the Philanthropists to visit the house, consisting of Mr. Murray Shipley, a retired Quaker merchant, Mr. H. Thane Miller, of the Young Men's Christian Association, Dr. John Davis, an old citizen and well known physician, and Miss Shipley, a Quaker lady from Philadelphia. This quartette took a carriage and arrived at Madame Hall's mansion on Broadway at 3 P. M. They were reluctantly admitted by the housekeeper, who soon convinced them that the letter was a simple forgery. The visitors proposed to hold a prayer-meeting in the parlor anyhow, and received permission to do so. The inmates of the house, however, refused to come down stairs, and the proprietress was said to be out. The polite housekeeper, therefore, was the only spectator. Mr. Shipley prayed, the quartette sang several hymns, and Mr. Thane Miller closed the exercises with a fervent prayer for the conversion of all the inmates of the house. Though this prayer-meeting was the result of a hoax, it is not unlikely that it may be the prelude to a crusade of prayer against the social evil, as the incident is the subject of general comment.

Another Spiritual Expose.

Another of those irritating spiritual exposures which persecute the faithful has been made. A young girl, aged thirteen years, resides in Peoria, has been performing wonderful feats under the direction of certain departed mortals. Her mistress' departed husband has been writing notes through her to his wife, directing her to leave money in certain places, where it was faithfully placed, to be mysteriously removed by a mercenary spirit. Christmas presents were made by the devoted soul to his living wife, who footed the bills for her own presents with delicious conjugal regularity. Tables, and pillows, and bedsteads, and pianos exhibited powers of locomotion of a convincing description. It is probable that the Peoria newspapers would have become converts but for the irritating exposure. A skeptic, on examining the vase presented to the wife by her dead husband, found a trade mark on it; found the tradesman who owned the mark; found the purchaser to be the little medium; and then everything was confessed and made clear. Children should never attempt to play medium; they are sure to be found out.

Twenty Dollars for a Kiss.

Martin Reske was accused at the Police Court of kissing Mrs. Lizzie Janeke. It appears from the evidence given that on last Friday a strange man came to Mrs. Janeke's house and inquired if she had "rooms to let." She replied that she had, and he requested permission to see them. After the rooms were visited they returned to the parlor. The well-built form and handsome face of Mrs. Janeke attracted the stranger's attention, and when a favorable opportunity presented itself he placed his arms around her neck, and squeezed and kissed her. She screamed loudly for assistance, and the stranger left, and she was unable to find out his name. Last Sunday, while at church, she noticed the person who kissed her. She informed her husband, and he called the man into a neighbor's house. When accused of the act, he confessed that he did so; he "meant no harm; she was so pretty he could not help it, and he would like to give her another." The Judge thought there was too much freedom shown, and Reske was fined $20 and costs.—*Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.*

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IRON TRADE.

Important Treasury Decision—Octagonal Bar to be Classed as Rolled or Hammered Iron.

The following decision of great importance to the iron trade has been made by Secretary Richardson:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, March 2, 1874.

SIR—Messrs. Naylor & Co. have appealed (sections 1,911, 1,912 and 1,913 B) from your decision assessing duties at the rate of thirty-five per cent. ad valorem, less ten per cent. on certain bar iron imported by them from Sweden, per barks Regia and Nannie T. Bell, and from London, per bark Cotopaxi. The act of June 30, 1873, imposes certain specific duties on bar iron in round, square and flat, but provides that it shall not pay a less rate of duty than thirty-five per cent. ad valorem. The same act also imposes a duty of 1½ cents per pound on all other descriptions of rolled or hammered iron not otherwise provided for. The iron forming the subject of these appeals is not literally in the shape of either round, square or flat, but is an irregular octagon. The reasons assigned in the report of Appraiser Rice, dated the 24th of January last, for classifying it as above, instead of as rolled or hammered iron not otherwise provided, are that the department decided April 4, 1871, on the appeal of the Washburn and Moon Manufacturing Company, which embraced substantially the same kind of iron, that although the iron was slightly flattened on the corners it was not so changed as to take it out of the category of square iron.

I find, however, upon further investigation, that the department, under date of February 11, 1862, made a decision as to the classification which should be given to certain iron invoiced as octagonal cart-wire iron and described as having the edges of the original square bar hammered or bevelled to prevent waste, wherein it was held that as the iron was not actually flat, round or square, it should be considered as embraced in the provision for "all other descriptions of iron not otherwise provided for." Upon a careful consideration of the subject I cannot but regard the decision of April 4, 1871, as an innovation upon the true construction of the law, and that the only proper rule of action in the matter is to follow the decision of February 11, 1862. It appears from the papers submitted that the trade do not recognize as square, round or flat, any iron not actually in those shapes, and as the law regulates the duty by the shape of the iron, the department feel constrained to adhere to the decision of February 11, 1862, and to reverse that of April 4, 1871.

You will, therefore, govern your action accordingly and readjust the entries embraced in these appeals at 1½ cents per pound, less ten per cent., classifying it as rolled or hammered iron not otherwise provided for. I am, very respectfully,

W. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

TO THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, Boston, Mass.

HUMOROUS.

COOING is well enough before marriage, but the billing doesn't come till after; and then it comes from the tradesman.—*Brooklyn Argus.*

A LADY had her dress trimmed with bugles before going to a ball. Her little daughter wanted to know if the bugles would blow when she danced? "Oh, no," said the mother, "papa will do that when he sees the bill."

"I SEE," said a young lady, "that some printers advertise blank declarations for sale; I wish I could get one." "Why?" asked the mother. "Because, ma, Mr. G——— is too modest to ask me to marry him; and, perhaps, if I should fill up a blank declaration he would sign it."

A NAUGHTY little boy, blubbering because his mother would not let him go down to the river on the Sabbath, upon being demolished, said, "I didn't want to go a swimmin' with 'em, ma; I only wanted to go down and see the bad little boys drown for goin' a swimmin' on a Sunday."

AN ARTIST who painted a portrait for a gentleman noted for his frequent libations, invited the gentleman's friends to see it. One of them, who was rather near sighted, approached it rather too closely, and the artist, in alarm, exclaimed: "Don't touch it, it ain't dry!" "No use looking at it, then," replied the old gentleman; "it can't be my friend."

WM. M. EVARTS tell this good story: A few summers since, at the urgent request of one of his younger daughters, he sent up to his country place in Vermont a dozen of her own peas, with delicious conjugal regularity. Tables, and pillows, and bedsteads, and pianos exhibited powers of locomotion of a convincing description. It is probable that the Peoria newspapers would have become converts but for the irritating exposure. A skeptic, on examining the vase presented to the wife by her dead husband, found a trade mark on it; found the tradesman who owned the mark; found the purchaser to be the little medium; and then everything was confessed and made clear. Children should never attempt to play medium; they are sure to be found out.

AT a very successful seance in Cincinnati the other night, a man burst into tears when the medium described very accurately a tall, blue eyed spirit standing by him, with light side whiskers, and his hair parted in the middle. "Do you know him?" inquired a man at his side, in a sympathetic whisper. "Know him? I guess I do," replied the unhappy man, wiping his eyes. "He was engaged to my wife. Of late he hadn't died he would have been her husband instead of me. Oh, George, George!" he murmured, in a voice choked with emotion, "why did you peg out?"

THE RAT AND THE CAT.

A very sleek and comely rat
Once fell in a distiller's vat,
And thus addressed a passing cat:
"Assist me out of this I pray.
Oh, gentle puss, nor turn away!"
Her feline nature bade her stay.
"Yes, I will help you out," said she,
"If first, my friend, you'll promise me
"My wilting dinner then to be."
The rat was sinking. Quick as thought
He gave the promise and was caught,
And safely from the vat was brought.
But fumes from out the vat
Went up the nose of tabby cat.
Who sneezed, and sneezed again. At that
The rat took heart and legs and fled,
And reached a point not overhead.
Then 'tween her sneezes Tabby said;
"For shame! (achew) you said (achew!)
You'd be my din (achew!) ner. You
Have lied to me, (achew me!)"
"True," said the rat, "'tis even so,
But I've excuse sufficient though—
I was in liquor then you know!"
Those rats or men in liquor—they
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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, March 6, 1874.

While the money market, as indicated by banking operations, is comparatively quiet, there is a quiet and very considerable dealing in stocks and securities, which pass from hand to hand. The natural result of such dealings is a slight depression of price, although the various kinds of legitimate stock in this city command good rates. We are gratified to say that few cities make a better showing in this particular than Pittsburgh. We judge that the necessity for realizing is one of the leading reasons for the sale.

There has been a material improvement, within a week, in several branches of our manufacture. Iron continues dull, but steel manufacturers are having a fair trade, with an early prospect of its being usually good. There are also signs of promise for the general iron trade. We were told yesterday, by a manufacturer, that the several railroad companies with which he deals, numbering more than a dozen, had paid their bills up to January 1. This indicates a healthful state of railroad traffic, and has in it a good promise for the iron business generally. We have noticed two loans recently completed for railroads, in the European market,—one of $10,000,000 for the Baltimore & Ohio road, and one of $5,000,000 for the Lehigh Valley road. These show a returning confidence in Europe in our railroad securities. But this has in it a less encouragement than the fact that heavy bills are being paid out of the earnings of roads.

The total exports of produce from New York for the week ending Wednesday amounted to $3,934,695, against $4,457,814, which is a decrease of $2,523,619. The exports for the corresponding period of last year were $5,352,998, and for 1872, $5,075,113. The total exports since January 1st this year are $47,412,340, against $44,299,978 last year, and $37,587,344 in 1872.

When Senator Sherman presented to Congress, the other day, an anti-greenback-inflation remonstrance, signed by seventy-five leading wholesale merchants of Chicago, he made the blunder by saying that these seventy-five names represented *sixty millions of capital*. Now, this would represent an average of $800,000 of capital to each individual, which is probably ten times as much as the real average of the capital of the parties represented. So says the Chicago *Tribune*, which sympathizes with Mr. Sherman.

Stocks were depressed during much of the day yesterday, but recovered on the last call, and closed quite strong.

Luther S. Kaufman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth Avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	We'day.	Thus'day.
Gold closed at	112	111¾
U. S. 5-20s—1861—coupons	114¾	115
Do. do. 1881	118¾	118¾
5-20s 1862	116¾	116¾
5-20s—64.	116¾	116¾
" 1865	118¾	119¼
" 1865 new.	117¾	118
" 1867	118¾	119
" 1868—coupons.	118	118¾
10-40's	113¾	113¾
10-40's—coupons	113¾	113¾
Currency 6's	116	116¾
New 5 per cents	114¾	114

RAILWAYS.

New York Central	103¾	103¾
Erie	40¾	41¾
R. H. & R.	19¾	19¾
C. C. C. & I. C.	97¾	98
Pacific Mail	42¾	43¾
Western Union Telegraph	74¾	74¾
Ohio & Mississippi	36¾	36¾
Union Pacific	84	85¾
Toledo & Wabash	47¾	47¾
Marion	17¾	17¾
Chicago and Alton	103	104¾
Adams Express	91	96
American Express	64	64
U. S. Express	70	70
W., Fargo & Co. Express	75¾	78
I. C.	104	104
Panama	114¾	114¾
Fort Wayne	95¾	94¾
Quicksilver	37¾	37¾
Do. preferred		37¾
Canton	89	87
Merchants Union Express		10
Terre Haute		10
Hannibal and St. Joseph	27¾	

Messrs. Robinson Bros., bankers, No. 13 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

	We'day.	Thus'day.
Penna. Central	51¾	51¾
Reading	57¾	57¾
United Cos. of N. J.	124	124
Oil Creek	17¾	17¾
Lehigh Valley	61¾	61¾
A. Y. H. R. R. 7-30	92	91¾
Central Transportation	44	44¾
Empire do.	51	51
Penna Scrip div.	19	18¾

NEW YORK, March 5, 1874.

Money was easy at 3@4. Sterling was firmer at 483¼@484 for sixty days and 487@487¼ for sight. The customs receipts were $256,000. Gold closed at 111⅞, after selling at 111¾@112¼. The carrying rates were 3¼ to flat. The Treasury disbursements amounted to $181,000. The clearings were $54,000,000. State bonds were dull and nominal, except Tennessees, which were higher. Government were firm. Stocks opened firm, but later became weak, and prices declined from ¼ to 1¾ per cent., the greatest fall being in Erie. Just before the close there was a recovery of from ¼ to ¾ per cent., Erie being the strongest. The general decline was caused by news from Washington, indicating that the present amount of outstanding legal tenders would not be increased. The sudden decline in Erie was due to rumors that the Atlantic & Great Western party failed to obtain full control of the C., C., C. & I. road at the election yesterday, and that the new board was a compromise one, and further, that the C., C., C. & I. was not likely to buy 12,000 Erie. Atlantic & Great Western. The sales between ten and two o'clock amounted to 161,000 shares, of which 30,000 were Western Union, 10,000 Union Pacific, 9,000 Wabash, 8,000 Pacific Mail, 8,000 St. Paul, 40,000 Lake Shore, 12,000 Erie, 5,000 Rock Island, 18,000 Northwest common, and 6,500 New York Central.

Governments.—U. S. coupons, 1881, 119¾; 5-20's '62, 116¾; do. '64, 118¾; do. '65, 119¾; do. '65, new, 118¾; do. '67, 119; do. '68, 118¾; new 5's, 114⅝; 10-40's, 113⅝; currency 6's, 116¾.

State Bonds.—Missouri, 95; Tennessee, old, 90½; do. new, 90¾; Virginia, new, 42; do. old, 34; North Carolina, old, 28; do. new, 18.

Stocks.—Canton, 70; Western Union Telegraph Co., 74¾; Quicksilver, 30; Adams Express, 96¾; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 75; American Express, 62½; United States Express, 70; Pacific Mail, 42¾; New York Central, 103¾; Erie, 41¼; do. preferred, 74; Harlem, 129½; do. preferred, 128; Michigan Central, 87½; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 87¾; Northwestern common, 53¾; do. preferred, 71; Rock Island, 104¾; New Jersey Central, 104; St. Paul, 43¾; do preferred, 70¼; Toledo & Wabash, 47¾; do. preferred, 70; Fort Wayne, 94¼; Terre Haute, 10; do. preferred, 30; Chicago & Alton, 104¾; do. preferred, 107¾; Ohio & Mississippi, 30¾; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 79; Burlington & Quincy, 103; Lake Shore, 78¾; Panama, 29¾; Illinois Central, 104; Union Pacific, 83¾; Central Pacific, 94; Union, 85¼; Hartford & Erie, 15¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 109.

LONDON, March 5, P. M.—The amount of bullion gone into the bank on balance to-day was £75,000. The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 4¾ per cent. Consols for money 92¾@92¾; account 92¾; United States bonds 1867s 109¾; new loan 104¾; Erie 42¾; preferred 65¾.

PARIS, March 5.—Rentes 59 francs 85 centimes.

FRANKFORT, March 5.—5-20s 98¼; 1's 98¼.

Receipts Pig Metal, Ore and Blooms.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD, P. R. R. DEPOT.

Isabella Furnace, o	7	Garrison & Co. m	2
Pgh Forge & I Co. m	5	S Reynolds. m	1
Total			13

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

McKnight D & Co. o	2	Reese G & W. o	2
Shoenberger B & Co. o	8	Pgh Frge & I Co. o	2
Isabella Furnace. o	20	Lloyd and B. p	1
McKnight P & Co. o	4		
Total			39

PENN'A. CENTRAL RAILROAD.

J Moorhead. m	2	J Reamer. m	2

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R R.

Kloman & C Bros. m	6	Zug & Co. m	1

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, March 5, 1874.

Trade is generally reported dull, and there is no question but what there has been a decided falling off in the demand for nearly all the leading staples during the past few weeks, yet there is still a very fair business in the aggregate; as regards values there have been no very important changes recently, excepting in Coffee which has taken a very decided turn upward.

APPLES—The demand continues meagre, and is confined wholly to supplying immediate wants; prices may be fairly quoted at $2.5@4.00 ₿ bri, according to quality and condition. Some few fancy bring $4.50.

APPLE BUTTER—6½@7c.

BEANS—In good supply, but prices are sustained; choice navies may be quoted at $2.25@2.35 ₿ bushel in the trade, and $2.45@2.50 in a small way.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—4@4½c ₿ ₰.

BUTTER—The receipts within the past few days have been unusually large, but as yet there seems to be no accumulation, and prices are fully sustained; we continue to quote at 32@42 for good to prime, and 45 for choice.

CANDLES—The demand continues moderately active, and prices are firm but unchanged; prime Ohio Factory, 17@18¾, and New York, 18@18¾.

CANDY—Pgh—Taffy, 10c. Boston—Unusually so for this season of the year, but there has been no quotable change since the date of last week's report.

COUNTRY BACON AND LARD—Shoulders, 9@7; Ribbed Sides, 7@7¾; Clear Sides, 8@8¾; Hams, 10@10c. Lard, 7@8.

CRANBERRIES—Selling in a regular way at $13@13.50 bri, according to quality.

DRIED APPLES—Are selling for everything in this category has fallen off very materially within the past few weeks, but stocks are small, and prices can be fairly sustained. Quote nominally as to quality. Peaches, 10@12 for mixed, and 14@15 for halves. Blackberries, 15@16.

EGGS—Continue to come in freely, and the market is weak in consequence, and prices are a shade lower; we now quote fresh at 20@21.

FISH—The market for fishes continues very quiet, but there has been no recent change in prices. We continue to quote, in a regular way, at $6.75@7.25 for spring wheat fish, the outside figure for choice Minnesotas, red winters, $7.75@8.25; white wheat, $7@7.50. Rye Flour, $5.50@5.75.

GRAIN—The receipts of all kinds of grain have fallen off very materially within the last few days, and there is a little firmer feeling in consequence, although as yet there has been but little change in prices. Wheat continues very quiet, and, in the absence of sales, we repeat former quotations: $1.30@1.40 for red winter, and $1.60@1.70 for white. It is said that it can scarcely be laid down here at quotations, yet we are informed that a few lots of fine all prettty well stocked, and that there is little or no call for it at any price. The Oat market is quiet and unchanged, ranging from 38 to 55. Ear corn is in light supply and firmer. Sales reported at 70. There is not much call for shelled, and prices are unchanged, ranging from 80 to 85. Rye is still quoted at $1@1.05. There is no movement in Barley.

GROCERIES—Trade continues rather slow, and while it might be and often is worse, there is plenty of room for improvement. At present there is not the same effort being made to sell goods that there was prior to the panic, and a good deal more cash is being exacted in this respect by our merchants generally. The Coffee market continues very stiff and prices are still tending upward in the east, and an advance in roasted here within the next day or two is almost certain. The Baltimore Gazette of Wednesday says: "The speculation in Coffee continues, and the market exhibits unabated strength and vigor. The unusually large receipt to-day of later Rio advices, the general tenor of which certainly cannot be regarded as favorable for the holding interest, has produced in the market there was dull and nominal at previous quotations, with continued liberal receipts and a large accumulation of stock. The Coffee market has, however, ceased to be controlled by legitimate causes, but it is manipulated by bold operators and large capitalists, and its future will be, of course, whether they will or not, subject to it. Sugars reported much firmer, while Molasses and Syrups are quiet and unchanged.

SUGARS—Patent Cut Loaf, 12½; Crushed, Powdered, and Granulated, 11¾; Standard A, 11¼; No. 1 do, 10¾; No. 2 do, 10¼; No. 3 do, 9¾; Franklin Extra C, 9¾; Franklin No. 2 Extra C, 9¼; American Extra C, 9; Yellow Sugars, 8 to 9, as to quality.

COFFEE.—Choice Rio, 21@22; good to prime, 20@21; fair, 19@20, Roasted I pound packages, 23@24c.

MOLASSES—Strictly prime new crop New Orleans, 80c; fair to prime old, 70@75.

SYRUPS—Extra Vacuum Pan, 70c. Sugar Drips, 45c. Amber, 60@65; lower grades, 35@40, as to quality.

RICE—Choice Carolina, 9¾; Patna, 8¾c; Rangoon, 7@8¼c.

HAY—The supply of baled is still considerably in excess of the demand, and prices are barely maintained; we continue to quote at $18@22, as to quality.

HOMINY—Is in light supply and firm at $5 ₿ brl, to the trade, and $5.50 in a jobbing way.

MILL FEED—Is in light supply and firmer, but unchanged. Bran, $1.05@1.10. Middlings, $1.40@1.50.

MAPLE SYRUP & SUGAR—Syrup is quoted at $1.75@2.75 for gallon jugs, and Sugar in grain at 14@15c.

ONIONS—$6@7 ₿ bri.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 11@13c; Ducks, 16@18; Turkeys, 15@16.

POTATOES—Continue to come in pretty freely, but prices are still maintained; we quote to-day at $1.30@1.35 ₿ bushel in trade, and $1.40@1.50 in small lots.

PROVISIONS—Extra Sugar Cured Hams, 9 lb. 12½, Ex. Sugar Cured Shoulders, 9¼; Sugar cured Breakfast Bacon, 12 lbs. Extra Sugar Cured Dried Beef, 10c. Mess Pork, $17.00 ₿ dozen. Bacon Shoulders, per lb, 6c. Bacon Rib Sides, 8½c. Bacon Clear Rib Sides, 9¾c. Bacon Clear Sides, 10c. Mess Pork, $16.50 per barrel. Refined Lard for shipping, 8c. Pure Leaf Do. half bbls, 10¾c. Do. bbls 11¼. Do. in 5 lb. caddies, 12¾c. Do. in 3 lb. 12¾c. Do. in 1 lb. 13¾c. Prime Steam Lard, 9¾c. Hams, 12 lbs to 5 lb. pails, 13¾. Ham Sausage, 10c.

RAGS—Woolen very dull; quoted at half a cent per ₰; Cotton still quotable at 2¾@3c.

SALT—Is quoted at $1.60 ₿ bri. by the car load, and $1.70 in jobbing way.

SEEDS—Clover Seed is still dull and the supply is increasing, but prices are nominally unchanged, ranging $5@6. Timothy Seed is still quoted at $3.00@3.75, and Flax Seed at $2.20.

WHISKY—Highwines, 96@98c ₿ gallon.

PITTSBURGH DRUG MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, March 5, 1874.

Corrected by HARRIS & EWING, Wholesale Druggists, corner Liberty and Wayne streets:

Acac., sorts, ₿	80a	40 lb. Oil, Anise	4.00 lb
Acac., 1st select	90a	50 lb. Bergam	6.75 lb
Acid, Citric	1.25a	1.30 lb. Castor	2.70 lb
Oxalic	20a	29 lb. Lemon	5.75 lb
Tartaric	60a	65 lb. Linseed	1.05 1.10 gal
Alcohol	2.00a	2.20 gal. Neatsfoot	90a 1.00 gal
Aloes, Cape		30 lb. Olive, Com	1.75a 2.00 lb
Bark,		50 lb. " Qts	6.25a 6.50 doz
Bark, Sassafras		75 lb. " Pts	3.50a 3.75 doz
Arnm	45a	50 lb. Orange	7.00a lb
Ammn., Aq.	10a	13 lb. Origanum	1.50a 2.00 lb
Camph., Cr.	28a	30 lb. Peppermint	5.00a 6.00 lb
Arnica, Flor	20a	22 lb. Pennyroyal	90a lb
Asafœtida	30a	35 lb. Rose	6.50 lb
Balm, Copaiba	1.05a	1.10 lb. Wintergr	6.50 lb
Cannabis Sat	1.00a	1.10 lb. Worm Seed	2.00 lb
Bay Rum	2.25a	3.50 gal. Pot. Bi Carb	20 lb
Bit. Sub car		4.25 lb. " Bi Chrom	20 lb
Bit. Sub pil		50 lb. " Bromide	95a 1.10 lb
Blue Mass		90 lb. " Chlorate	40a 45 lb
Bleach'g Pow	14a	15 lb. " Iodide	5.25a 5.50 lb
Borax, refrd	20a	24 lb. Quinine	2.65a 2.75 lb
Brimst., Roll	4½a	5½ lb. Rose, Atmos	18 lb
Flor. sulph	4½a	5½ lb. Gin. E. I.	18 lb
Bucku	17a	25 lb. Gin. Jam.	18 lb
Calomel Am		1.86 lb. Ipecac P	1.80 lb
Camphor refd	85a	40 lb. Jalap P	80 lb
Cantharides	75a	80 lb. Manna, Flor	1.25a 1.50 lb
Chamo. Ger		80 lb. " Sort	1.25a 1.50 lb
Chlo. Hyd		2.40 lb. Mar. Hol	58 lb
Chloroform	1.20a	1.30 lb. Mar. Mex	28 lb
Cinchonia		80 lb. Senega	45 lb
Cinchonidia		80 lb. Soda, Bi Carb	5 lb
Red		1.30 lb. Val. P. Sp	38 lb
Yellow		1.30 lb. Sod. Ash Ver	2½ lb
Cochineal	80a	90 lb. Saffron Am.	1.00 a 1.25 lb
Copperas	2a	3 lb. Ammon	15a 17 lb
Cream Tar	45a	52 lb. Epsom	3a 5 lb
Cubebs	18a	20 lb. Glauber	2½a 3 lb
Dovers Pwd		2.00 lb. Nitre	8a 10 lb
Ergot	40a	45 lb. Soda	3½a 4 lb
Extract Log	14a	16 lb. Sod. Tart'd	35a 40 lb
Sal	80a	70 lb. Cardam	2.80 lb
Ext. Logwd		12a 15 lb. Hemp	8a 9a lb
Liqu, Cal.	44a	50 lb. Mustard	22 lb
Ital.	30	35 lb. Senna, Alex	22 lb
Fustic	2½a	4 lb. Tinnev	22 lb
Glycer, Pure	25a	44 lb. Thebaic	22 lb
Honey		40 lb. Shellac	55a 65 lb
Indigo, Man	1.00a	1.20 lb. Soap, Castile	12½a 16 lb
Bengal	1.10a	1.30 lb. White	9 lb
Iodine		7.75 lb. Soda Ash	4½a 5½ lb
Iodoform		1.30 oz. Bi Carb	7a 9 lb
Juniper Ber	7a	10 lb. Strych, Cry	3.12 oz
Logwood	25a	3½ lb. Pulv	2.80 oz
Madder	14a	15 lb. Sugar Lead	25a 30 lb
Magnes, Cal	80a	1.00 lb. Turpen, Spts	80a 85 gal
Carb	35a	40 lb. Var., Couch	1.25a 1.60 gal
Manna, Fln		60 lb. Copal	1.25a 2.00 gal
Morph, Sul.	5.50a	5.80 oz. Damar	1.50a 1.80 gal
Mus, Arab		1.00 oz. Japan	1.00a 1.10 gal
Opium		8.50 lb. Venet. Red	2½a 4½ lb
Powd		11.35 lb. Whiting	1¾a 3½ lb

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, March 5, 1874.

The market for Crude Petroleum continues very quiet, the demand for both present and future delivery, so far at least as Pittsburgh is concerned, is very meagre, but there has been no quotable change in prices. The trade is dull to sell. Producers realize the situation, that any attempt to force sales would be productive of bad results, hence they are holding their product in hopes that there will soon be an increased demand and a change for the better. Refined, to use a common phrase, is as flat as a flounder; refiners cannot sell at prevailing rates without incurring a loss, taking the present price of Crude as a basis, and exporters are unwilling to pay any advance. The foreign markets are reported full to overflowing, hence orders are few and far between. The general indications are that trade is destined to rule dull and depressed for some weeks to come.

There is but little movement in barrels, but prices are nominally unchanged; countries, $1.65; city make, $1.70.

CRUDE OIL RECEIVED BY ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

Shipper	Consignee	Bbls.
McKelvy	Iron City O. W.	160
McKelvy	Hutchinson O. W.	80
Stevenson	Radiant O. W.	1,187
McKelvy	Cosmos O. W.	217
Fisher Bros	American O. W.	935
Total		3,349

REFINED OIL SHIPPED EAST ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R. & WEST PENNA. R. R.

Shipper	Consignee	Bbls.
Citizens' Ref Co.	Tack Bros.	102
Henry Mason	Taylor & Co.	50
Total		152

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, EAST LIBERTY, THURSDAY, March 5, 1874.

CATTLE.

The market, since the date of our last report, has been fairly active, and the indications at noon were that about all the cattle on sale would be cleared before the close of the day; prices remain unchanged. Some sellers alleged that, as compared with last week, prices were from 15 to 25c ₿ cwt lower, but the general feeling among operators was different, that there was no quotable change one way or the other, and all conceded that trade was more active. Extra 1,400@1,500 steers, 6¼@6¾; 1,200@1,300, 5¾@6; 1,050@1,100, 5@5¾. Stockers, for which there is not much inquiry as yet, may be quoted at 3¾@4¼, according to quality and condition. Bulls range all the way from 3½ to 4¾. The most of the offerings recently have consisted of medium to good.

HOGS.

The hog trade, so far as this market is concerned, continues very dull and there is not much prospect apparent just now of an immediate improvement; the great bulk of the shipments thus far this week have been of through stock; shippers have been getting all they could handle on commission, hence the demand here has fallen off largely. The Philadelphia buyers have not bought a hog since Monday notwithstanding prices are off a strong quarter of a cent ₿ lb, and the Yorkers have bought sparingly. Philadelphia hogs may be quoted nominally at 6.15@6.25. Yorkers, 5¾@5¾.

SHEEP.

The sheep market continues quiet, and notwithstanding the arrivals have been unusually large, there were very few in the pens unsold at noon to day, and prices are sustained. Prime to extra, 6@6¼; medium to good, 5@5½; common to fair, 5@5¼. East Liberty is now regarded as being the largest sheep market in this country outside of New York.

New York Wool Market.

NEW YORK, March 4—The market is without any important change being generally quiet, though prices continue firm; fal. clip California Wools are weak, and for low and medium stock

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RIVER NEWS.

State of the Rivers, Movements of Steamboats, &c.

The river was about at a stand last evening, with 9 feet 10 inches in channel. Weather clear and pleasant, and very favorable for out-door business. Freights continue to offer pretty freely, but there is still an excess of tonnage, and rates, consequently, are low.

The MyChoice and Charley McDonald departed for Cincinnati with lows of coal, as did also the Diamond for Louisville. Quite a number of other boats will get out on this water.

The towboat I. N. Phillips, while passing under the Monongahela bridge yesterday, had her pilot house somewhat damaged and the butts of her chimneys broken off by coming in contact with the bridge. She sustained no other damage, and was safely landed for repairs.

The Hon. St. Louis Democrat, the Directors of the Keokuk Northern Line have not all arrived in the city, in order to meet and elect a successor to the deceased President, J. S. McCune. Outside of the company there is a great variety of preference, in the matter of a new President. D Hadden of Galena, R. C. Gray of Pittsburgh, Thomas B. Rhodes, I. M. Mason and Thomas S. Hill, being mentioned favorably among others.

The Sam Miller arrived with an empty tow, and the Granite State, from Portsmouth, was also down light. Both will find coal can be found in part this morning.

The H. W. Skidlinger will take her departure for Cincinnati to-day.

The Rita sunk a loaded coal boat yesterday morning below Simpson Horner & Co.'s, while attempting to land it in the Monongahela river, opposite the point.

The Mollie Ecert, Captain F. Y. Batchelor, is filling up steadily for St. Louis, and as will be seen by card, she is announced to take her departure this morning. The Mollie is a fine boat.

The Messenger, Capt M. A. Cox, is announced to take her departure to-morrow, and passengers and shippers should bear this in mind.

The Rover and barges are loading for St. Louis, and the Iron Mountain barges for St. Louis and the Upper Mississippi. Both of these boats belong to Gray's famous iron line.

—Thursday's Cincinnati Gazette says: The Excelsior Packet Company, following still in the Directors for the ensuing year:

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HOME NEWS.

An Emphatic Denial.

EDITOR GAZETTE: We wish to state that no offer of $2,000 was made by the mother of Rachael De Haan, or $500 by any friends, as an inducement to get Jacob Van Nollen to marry Rachael De Haan. He married her of his own accord, and no inducement was offered.

A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

Young Republicans.

Pursuant to announcement a meeting of the Committee of the Young Republicans of Allegheny was held at City Hall last night. Mr. J. D. Walker was called to the chair, and Mr. D. L. Crawford appointed Secretary. Owing to the failure of several of the members to attend it was decided to adjourn until Wednesday evening, next.

Letters Held for Postage March 5.

F. H. Coolridge, Arlington, Va., 16c; Mrs. S. A. Edie, Clayton, Ill., 3c; Christopher Johnson, Heightstown, N. J., 16c; Meridian Silver Lake Co, West Meridian, Conn., 3c; G. W. Meedith, Antrim, Ohio, 3c; W. A. McGahan, Mt. Lebonon, Pa., 1c; Pastor M. E. Church, Uniontown, Pa., 3c; John Stewart, Beaver, Pa., 1c, Staats Zietung, Harrisburg, Pa., 2c.

Another Dividend.

The Central Bank is out with another dividend of five per cent. This institution is established on a very substantial basis, and under first-class financial management has attained a prosperity and popularity, second to no other. Legitimate in all its business transactions and investments, it challenges the patronage of investors, depositors and others, and past success guarantees future prosperity.

A New House and Reliable Men.

We announce this morning the opening of a new Jewelry House—that of Messrs. T. P. Bedlion & Co, at No. 75 Smithfield street, and desire our readers to make especial note of the fact. The gentlemen composing this firm are practical men in the trade—Mr. Bedlion having been connected with the well known house of J. R. Reed & Co., as head salesman for eight years, and Mr. Caristy serving at the same place as foreman in the watch repairing department for three years. In these days of sham jewelry, it is well to know just where a reliable article can be had, and we can assure our readers that the house of Bedlion & Co. will be such.

They will open to-day with an entirely new stock of goods in the Jewelry, Watch and Clock line, and believe they can present an assortment which, for elegance of design and quality, can not be excelled by the very best houses in the city. Notwithstanding that they will guarantee every article, they propose to be satisfied with small profits, and will offer the goods at prices upon which they can challenge any competition.

We advise our readers to make a note of this house, and if they want a really first class article in the jewelry line, or have a watch to repair, to call at No. 75 Smithfield street, where we can assure them they will receive satisfaction.

FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Proposed Celebration of the Anniversary of its Passage by the Colored People.

Last evening, a meeting of colored citizens was held in the Franklin school house for the purpose of making the preliminary arrangements for celebrating the adoption of the Fifteenth amendment. Mr. Harrison Taylor was chosen to preside, and Mr. B. W. Thomas, acted as Secretary. No definite action was taken, and the meeting adjourned till next Monday at Baptist Hall, Allegheny, when it is expected some programme will be arranged.

THE LAST POSTPONEMENT.

The Conspiracy Cases to be Heard This Afternoon.

The Dickson, Ardary, Ross and Blair conspiracy cases were to be heard before Alderman McMasters yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. The defendants, all but Mr. Blair, who is in New York, were present. Mr. Jamison came to the office in a carriage, but as he had just come off the train, it was thought advisable to postpone the cases until two o'clock this afternoon, as the prosecutor was really unable to be about his business. Alderman McMasters states there will be no postponement this afternoon.

DASTARDLY ATTEMPT.

Placing Obstructions on the Railroad Track—Narrow Escape of a Train.

On Wednesday evening a cowardly attempt to throw a train off the track at Homewood station on the Pennsylvania Railroad was made, and but for a fortunate discovery of the obstruction in time, a terrible accident might have happened. Mr. Van Gorder, a Liberty street commission merchant, was out in that direction, and discovered the plank placed across the track, just as the Brinton Accommodation No. 4, due in this city at 7:25, came along. He hastily threw them aside, and the train arrived in this city in safety. The miscreants, who, should they be caught, ought to be severely dealt with.

BOWERS INVESTIGATED.

He Comes Out Unscathed—The Charges Fall Through.

Yesterday afternoon the sub-committee to investigate the charges against Road Commissioner Bowers, held a meeting in the City Clerk's office. Mr. Morton wanted to be heard, and stated that he wanted to withdraw his charges, which was not allowed to be done. The room was then cleared for the purpose of considering the matter.

As Mr. Morton had refused to go on with the case, and also to withdraw the charges, they would go on and hear the testimony. Messrs. Gutman, Carson, Fleming, Jos. Woerhes, Bigeler, Young and others were examined, but nothing was proven against the gentleman, it being shown clearly that the whole matter was brought up from personal and political motives alone, and consequently, the matter fell through, and the committee exonerated Mr. Bowers from all charges made, and that he was a faithful officer who has used the public money as judiciously as he could have done. Thus the matter ended.

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

····Oaklanders change cars at Soho now.

·····The Controller is still hammering away at his monthly report.

····THE *Leader* says: "We could buy out the GAZETTE body and breeches, and then burn it." Shoo fly!

····Charles Sippy, one of the alleged car plunderers of Allegheny, had a hearing yesterday, and was committed for trial.

····Ellsworth avenue residents, now that that they have the locust pavement, are sighing for borders to match in the shape of first class sidewalks.

····B. K. Jamison came to the city yesterday, accompanied by his father and other relatives. His appearance indicates that he is convalescing from severe illness.

····David Newell was arrested yesterday for stealing goods from the P. F. W. & C. Railway cars, Allegheny, and waiving a hearing gave bail in $1,000 for trial.

····A man had his arm broken on Penn avenue yesterday afternoon by being run over by a heavy loaded wagon. He was taken to his boarding house and properly attended to.

····This evening Miss Jane O. DeForest will deliver a lecture at the Temperance Alliance Rooms. Subject—"The Morning Dawns." The lady is said to be an eloquent and gifted speaker.

····The *Peoples' Monthly* for March is fully equal to other numbers in entertaining reading matter and the character of the illustrations. Among the pictures are a number specially interesting to Pittsburghers.

····Road Commissioner Bowers referring to the late investigation into his stewardship, intimates that mud and politics are sadly mixed in his district, and he doesn't think the mud has been much improved thereby.

····Notwithstanding the frequent meetings of the Water Committee, rendered necessary in the transaction of the onerous duties of keeping a weather eye open on the new works, the members have responded promptly and the sessions have been exceptionally well attended.

····Marker Rush, of the Water Committee, contemplates the possibility of persuading the city to let him Municipal Hall for hotel purposes. He thinks with a few alterations it would make a first class hostelrie, and he would be willing to pay more for the lease than the corporation makes out of it at present.

····The kite flying season has opened up in other than Fourth Avenue places. Hill boys are already wooing the thunder bolts in a Ben Franklin manner, and soon the telegraph wires will receive the regular annual supply of such lightning as dispidated tissue paper, cross sticks and wrapping yarn can give them.

····It is really marvelous how the sunny spring like weather has caused to spring up on adaptable sidewalks the little sonnies, with marbles and "knuckle down tight" intent. Half the breeched juveniles in the city are sighing as they contemplate the holes in their pants and the inadequate the threshings and patches awaiting them at home.

····It is hoped that the street commissioners will make away with a liberal slice of the appropriation devoted to their department as soon as possible, and set to the thorough and economical cleaning of the principal streets. With typhoid fever unpleasantly prevalent now, unless the winter's accumulation of garbage and filth be removed rapidly life's a deal fevers will make many people mighty too well.

····We understand that measures are being taken looking to the establishment of a Republican paper in Uniontown, since the *American Standard*, in order to obtain a share of the county printing, has struck hands with the *Genius of Liberty*, and gone over to the Democracy, body and breeches. The gentlemen named in connection with the new paper have the necessary means and ability to make a live reliable newspaper and there is no doubt of its support by the Republicans of Fayette county from the start.

····A broken jug and emptied intoxicating beverage in front of a Smithfield street beer saloon yesterday created the impression to passers by that the crusade against bad spirits had really commenced. An inquiring reporter pedestrianating that way saw the garments of several females within the barroom, and felt good that he was the first to investigate. The sad gratulation was short lived, however, as a closer view showed, alas! that they were German, and indulging in a glass of liquid comfort all round. The aforesaid crockery had doubtless slipped from some youth of better finger tendency.

PERSONAL.

···Mr. B. E. Rubley, who has had charge of the Penn avenue freight department of the Pennsylvania Company, has been appointed General Freight Agent for this city in addition to his other duties.

···Senator Scott disappointed several reporters, and a number of anxious politicians who were waiting to "buttonhole" him in case he arrived on the Pacific Express from the East yesterday afternoon. He didn't come.

"THE PRAYER TEST."

Women's Meeting Yesterday.

A Great Audience—An Overflowing Church—A General Plan Adopted—An Union Organized—Mr. Gough Expresses his Views — Ministerial Sympathy—General Feeling.

Under the combined inspiration of balmy May-day weather, an expectation that Mr. Gough would make a speech, and last, but most of all, the deep and earnest feeling in reference to the "movement," there was a very large audience attracted yesterday afternoon to the Second U. P. church (Rev. Mr. Hanna's), which had been selected as the headquarters for the third of the series of union meetings. The interest taken in the matter by the ladies was apparent by the throngs who were observed bending their steps toward the church fully an hour before the time set for the commencement of the exercises.

A JAM.

The church is one of the old fashioned kind, with a large cheery auditorium backed by a spacious gallery, and the whole capable of comfortably accommodating an audience of large proportions; but on this occasion its capacity was altogether inadequate to meet the requirements of the people. The main part of the auditorium was first filled, then the later comers in force took possession of the gallery; this was not enough and all the broad aisles were filled up; then the small space, under the galleries, and out to the stair landings—yet even with this occupation of every possible inch of available room, many who wished to see and hear, were compelled to turn back disappointed. At one time, it was thought that a second meeting should be organized, but owing, perhaps, to the lack of speakers, or a definite plan, this idea was abandoned.

WOMAN'S HANDIWORK.

A small 8 by 10 space in front of the rostrum had been reserved for the officers and reporters while the pulpit platform was devoted to the organ and speakers. A glance at the rostrum was sufficient to convince the most casual observer that woman was interested in the meeting, for woman's refinement and taste were exemplified in the adornment of the gas brackets with magnificent rustic baskets almost concealed beneath the rich foliage of trailing vines, while the pulpit stand was decorated with an exquisitely arranged bouget of beautiful natural flowers.

Promptly at the appointed hour, half past two o'clock, the President, Mrs. Rev. Samuel Collins, called the meeting to order and requested the Rev. Dr. Davidson, of Erie, to

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with prayer. When the reverend gentleman in the course of his invocation called for the "enlightenment of the Spirit" to fall especially upon those ministers who had not yet endorsed the movement, that they might be enabled to clearly perceive the path of duty, the petition was seconded by a most hearty and vigorous "amen," from some one n the audience, who seemed to have been thoroughly practiced in the art of appropriatey responding.

After prayer the audience joined in singing the 130th Psalm, Prof. Bissell presiding at the organ.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were approved.

A PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

Next came the reading of the report from the Executive Committee, recommending the following as a plan for organization:

"This organization shall be called the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Allegheny county.

"It shall be the object of this Union to use all means in our power as Christian women to suppress the desolating curse of intemperance. This shall be done by a distribution of temperance literature among the masses by public lectures; by continued and earnest meetings for prayer, both public and private. We do most earnestly beseech all Christian women to unite with us in this good and good cause. We will continue to work and pray until God will crown our efforts with success. Relying upon the promises of our Heavenly Father, who has said, 'Ask anything in my name, I will do it; for without me ye can do nothing,' we do hereby pledge ourselves to God and each other to work and pray for the rescue of His children and our fellow-beings from the curse of strong drink.

Respectfully submitted in the name of Christ and fallen humanity."

The President desired a full and free discussion of the paper, but there were no responses, and on motion the paper was adopted.

THE METHODIST PREACHERS SPEAK.

Other communications were read, as follows:

PITTSBURGH PA, March 5, 1874.

To the Ladies' Temperance Meeting, Second U P Church:

GREETING: From the Pittsburgh Ministerial Association of the Methodist Church assembled in the Second Methodist Church, Allegheny City, Pa.

As Christian ministers we unite in asking the blessing of God upon your efforts to oppose the great evil of intemperance, the shame and sin of our land, and tender the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recognize the right of women to apply their moral influence in prayer, song and personal entreaty for the suppression the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we recognize this late temperance movement as women's work, and to them tender our help as co-workers, subject to their request, also our churches, subject to the trustees' consent, for the holding of public services.

Respectfully submitted, by order of

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

J. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

A LETTER FROM MRS. BRUNOT.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 3, 1874

To Mrs. Hill—Dear Madam: I looked in the papers this morning with deep interest and anxiety for a report of the "Woman's Temperance Movement," and was gratified to find that the prevailing spirit of the meeting was, "We put all our trust in the Lord our God." I am confident if this continues, and deepens, a great blessing will follow. This blessing may not come just in the way our wisdom would dictate as best, but the All-Wise ruler of the universe has said "Acknowledge Me in all thy ways, and I will direct thy paths." In such a work as this that you have undertaken, what a most unexpressible comfort this promise brings. I know you feel weak and powerless to combat all that will oppress you, but if the work is carried on with earnest faith and prayer, looking up hourly for guidance, that you may be taught what God's will is, I feel certain the whole community will soon say "Refrain from these women and let them alone, for if this council or this work be of God ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be forced to fight against God."

Whilst you were holding your meeting in Pittsburgh the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Bible Society were listening to the monthly report of their Bible Readers. These good women visit the poor in their homes, speaking words of kindness to the sorrowing, and reading the Word of God, wherever presented. The burthen of these records tell of homes blighted by the intemperance of the father, and this month we hear of young boys under the influence of whisky disregarding the authority of the mother; and, again, of small children selling old bits of iron to purchase strong drink. Can you wonder we have no redress? Laws have been passed forbidding the sale of liquor to miners—but what avail are such laws if not enforced?

We must look to a higher force, even to our God, who holds the hearts of all men in His hands. Let us all daily, hourly, beseech Him that He will at this time pour out His Holy Spirit upon the people of this land. Then will they realize that these mortal bodies were created to be temples for the Holy Ghost to dwell in, and not to be given to the service of Satan. Very truly yours,

MARY H. BRUNOT.

REPORTERS TO THE RESCUE.

During the reading of this communication, owing to a want of familiarity with the manuscript and of the subject matter, the Secretary was somewhat embarrassed, and requested the aid of the reporters,—one of whom, with that felicitous grace ever characteristic of the "profesh," and with that sublime assurance especially peculiar to *some*, came to the rescue, and disposed of the subsequent reading exercises.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. Collins, President Womans' Temperance League, Pittsburgh.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Missionary and Church Society of the First Methodist Church, Allegheny, held on March 3, 1874, the enclosed resolutions were presented and adopted:

Miss Lizzie Davis and Anna Simpson were appointed a committee to convey the same to the temperance meeting on Thursday afternoon.

MRS. J. H. PLANEY, Secretary.

ALLEGHENY, March 4, 1874.

WHEREAS, Intemperance has become, and evidently is, more and more becoming the most enormous and terrible of all evils that afflict humanity; and,

WHEREAS, Woman is the chief sufferer from the dread monster, being pursued by a numerous, avaricious and heartless host, even to the most fearful emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Christians, as with the God-given rod of faith, are preparing to move upon the strongholds of this gigantic evil with implicit trust in Jehovah's help,

Therefore, we tender the Woman's Temperance Society our earnest and prayerful sympathy, believing that their work is divine, and will pray that they may possess the spirit of prayer, which is irresistible, a faith which laughs at impossibility and cries it shall be done." We pray that the temperance reformation may quickly triumph, and that all who are now suffering its fearful consequences may speedily be liberated.

The several communications were received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

MEETINGS ON SATURDAY.

The Secretary then announced that the Executive Committee had arranged for the following meetings on Saturday, to-morrow afternoon, at three o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Humphrey's church, South Side.

Second Presbyterian church, Market street, Allegheny, Rev. Mr. Moore, pastor.

Presbyterian church, Wilkinsburg.

Presbyterian church, Torrence Station.

M. E church, Temperanceville.

Butler street M. E. church, Lawrenceville.

These meetings are called for the purpose of organization and prayer. It is proposed to have these organizations auxiliary to the central one, and then have the entire movement under systematic direction.

ENTER, GOUGH.

There was a slight rustle of excitement now observable in the audience. The cause of the excitement was seen in the efforts of a well known gentleman—Mr. John B. Gough—under the pilotage of a leader in the movement, to get to the front. His appearance in front of the pulpit was the signal for subdued applause.

The way was cleared for him at last, and the gentleman was safely landed on the rostrum, where he was greeted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Hanna. After a short pause, Rev. Mr. Hanna introduced Mr. Gough to the audience, and the great Temperance orator began to speak. He spoke substantially as follows:

"A committee of ladies waited upon me the other day and asked me if I would attend the meeting in this church this afternoon. I have been exceedingly desirous of seeing something of the working of this new movement. As I stood in the back part of this church, I said to a friend, I should awfully hate to be engaged in a business against which a protest like this could be made. An audience like this—without a word uttered, or a motion made, is a power that must reach the hearts of the most hardened; and I will only say—for I intend to speak only a few moments—that my whole heart and sympathies are with you in this work. (Applause.) I have just received a paper from Worcester, Mass., where I reside, and my wife has marked the passages, and put under one, 'Glory to God in the highest,' and under another, 'This is the work of Almighty God, and let no man dare hinder it.' (Applause.)

This may be called an excitement—perhaps it is an excitement—but we want something exciting. We want something to stir the dead, stagnant pool of indifference in regard to this horror of intemperance, and the causes which promote and perpetuate it. I believe this movement is destined to go forward. (Applause.) What it will accomplish directly I know not; but what it will accomplish indirectly, we can all see in the future if we have faith. I was sorry to see an extract from a religious paper denouncing this movement on the part of women as 'dragging the religious ordinance of prayer in the dirt.'' I am one of those who believe in the ordinance of prayer—not according to any catechism, not according to any church ordinance, or any arrangement made by men or any body else. When Peter was on the water he did not stop to address the Saviour calmly, but said, "Lord, save me or I perish," and in the midst of our peril, if we cry to Him for help, I believe He will hear us.

I must confess that I know but little about this movement. This is the first meeting of the kind that I have had an opportunity to attend. Some persons may say (and I speak personally, because I want to clear myself as far as I may be able), "Why don't you go into this matter?" I will tell you what I will do. If the Associations that have engaged my services in the future will give me up, I will devote the next two months to this work with all my heart. (Applause.) I believe in doing right, and those who have a claim upon my services, unless they give it up, have a right to my services. This much I say in regard to myself and my interest in this cause.

Now, all I can say to the ladies is just a word of encouragement. If we are right, we shall succeed in the end. It will be a work of time—work that will require great patience and a great deal of courage. In this State, as you well know, the traffic in intoxicating liquors is a licensed traffic, and there the liquor sellers have the vantage ground. They can, if they will—but I don't believe they will have the heart to do it—prevent the ladies from coming into their saloons or occupying the sidewalk in front of their establishments. I believe that the result of this great movement will be to stir up the minds and hearts of the people of all the Churches, so that we shall have more spiritual influence and more speeches on intemperance from one end of this city to the other, and the public sentiment shall be aroused, and the people will stand up in their might, and demand that this traffic shall cease, and shall no more prey the legislature that shall *make* the traffic an *unlawful* traffic. (Applause.)

I do believe that the indirect influence of this great movement is to be more important for the temperance cause generally than the direct influence, although the direct influence, as we hear from all quarters, is extraordinary. There have been more grog shops closed within the past six weeks, more liquor sellers have come out of their business, and more men have signed the temperance pledge, than in any six years since 1840. (Applause.)

A word of encouragement to these ladies. If they cannot do all they want to do, let them do all they can, and trust in God. I say to these ladies, do not let adverse criticisms move you from your work. I say to you, with all my heart, God speed your work, and when and where I can, consistently, on any occasion, I will say a word of encouragement to those who are doing the noble work you are engaged in to-day. (Applause.)

THE MINISTRY CALLED UPON.

At the conclusion of the address a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

Mr. Gough "Well ladies, I am much obliged to you for your vote of thanks. I think a few thanks, however, should come from me, for the privilege you have given me of catching some inspiration from this meeting. (Applause.)

The President then announced that Rev. W. B. Watkins, of A. W. Butts, but no response came, the gentlemen not appearing to be in the house.

Mr. Gough "Why I am a little surprised that at such a meeting as this there should be any call for ministry. I would have thought that every minister of the Lord Jesus Christ in the cities would have crowded around this platform. (Great applause.)

But after all I don't know that you want men to speak here. People have said to me, "why don't you go to these meetings and advise the women what to do." Why, bless you, these women have got a great deal more intelligence than I have. (Laughter and applause.) Ladies sometimes find out things that the men have no idea of, and often do while we are serenely considering a *plan*. (Laughter.)

A SYMPATHIZING CLERGYMAN.

Rev. Thomas H. Hanna was then called upon, and made a few remarks. He said that if he spoke but little it was not that he did not feel a great deal. His whole heart was in the movement, and he did earnestly invoke God's blessing upon any agency that would stop the traffic that was ruining so many homes, blighting so many reputations, dishonoring so many names, and annually sending so many down to a drunkard's grave.

He bade the ladies God-speed in this movement. (Applause.) He believed it was under Divine guidance, and that it was arousing a nobler spirit among the people, that would be long in the ascendant, (Applause.) and the effects of which could not be estimated. (Applause.)

The speaker then referred to a private letter which he had received from a friend in Jeffersonville, Ind., where a work is in progress, and in which his friend gave his unqualified approval to the movement, and said it was regenerating the town, so far as interest in the temperance cause was concerned.

SPEAKING UP FRONT."

Rev. Mr. Bain, from the rear of the audience, said Mr. Gough had expressed surprise that the ministers were not about the platform. The speaker would say that they couldn't get there. (Laughter.)

Some of the ladies in the aisles suggested that if there was any great anxiety for the ministers to get up front, they (the ladies) would clear the way; and suiting the action to the word, the ladies in the centre aisle arose simultaneously, rushed back their chairs and left a free path to the pulpit. Revs. Messrs. Bain and W. H. Gill, of the Central Church, Allegheny, availed themselves of the opportunity to go forward.

"EXCITEMENT."

Mr. Bain, upon reaching the rostrum was called upon, and made a few remarks, in which he said he decidedly endorsed the movement so far as he had observed it. They told him that the women got excited over the matter. He wondered they hadn't got excited long ago. (Laughter.) He hoped they would keep the excitement up. He would rather live a week amid the hail and thunder, and lightning of activity, than live a day in the Dead sea. (Laughter.) He thought it was the shame of the churches and the ministry that they had gone so long amid this evil instead of acting as had only talked calmly about it. It might be marvelous to some that people had at last got excited over an evil that was sweeping its sixty thousand victims annually into the grave. He believed in such excitement. Some said it wouldn't last. He did not want it to last. He didn't want a storm to last forever, but he did want it to stay long enough to purify the atmosphere. He hoped this temperance storm would last that long.

The speaker then branched off into an argument upon "Bible Wine," and closed by again repeating his sympathy with the movement.

Mrs. Hill, one of the Vice Presidents, next addressed the

VOICES FROM THE WOMEN.

An address, written by Mrs. C. Hubley, was next read—the lady not desiring to appear as a public speaker. She contended that the ladies could not be blamed for any support leading Divines, from the press, or from the men, until they made the movement "popular." She thought the ladies would give place to the ministry at any time, if these gentlemen in their superior wisdom could devise any better way. (Laughter.) She also paid attention to those ladies who enjoyed all the refinements and happiness of luxurious homes, and cared nothing about the happiness of others—refused to help the "temperance ball" because it would compel them to make a practical effort for the good of others.

As a postscript, she made an allusion to the sermon of Rev. Dr. Scovel, of last Sunday evening, as illustrative of her assertion that the women would have to go forward without assistance from the pulpit.

Mrs. Hill was the next speaker. She referred to her own experience, and said that she was compelled to do so by a desire to make her remarks have a practical bearing. She had been lecturing two years, but up to the inauguration of this movement had never spoken of her own sorrows. She said the ruin caused by strong drink ought to be enough to galvanize every woman into active service to wipe out the accursed laws that protected the traffic.

THE "SOCIAL GLASS."

Mrs. Van Horn, an elderly lady, next spoke. She especially referred to the fact of the social custom of handing around the wine glass, at home, and said the ladies ought to take that matter into consideration, and see to it that they never offered any temptation to the unwary. She also made mention of the practice which some men indulged in of going to the wholesale liquor houses and getting their demijohns filled. She laughed at, and she thought that while they cried out against the men who sold liquor, they should not forget to pay attention to the men who bought, and stop that, and then there would be no whisky to drink. She had kept house forty years and never had any liquor in her house, and never would have it. She was in favor of keeping up the war, at home and abroad, and favored an immediate prayerful assault upon the saloons. [Applause.]

The President then announced that a song had been composed expressly for the meeting by Prof. C. F. Bissell, who would sing it. The song was as follows:

"CLOSE YOUR DOOR."

Mr. Landlord close your door,
Close your door, close your door,
In the name of Jesus we implore,
Close your door, close your door.
For see the poverty and sin:
Caused by men who deal in gin,
Yet all the sons Christ longs to win,
Close your door, close your door.

Chorus:—

Close your door, we implore,
Mr. Landlord close your door,
Close your door, we implore,
Mr. LANDLORD CLOSE YOUR DOOR.

Your hearts are human—just like ours;
Close your door, close your door.
You see the curse and all its powers,
Close your door, close your door.
Then why not stop from dealing out
The poison which brings it about?
And put away all fear and doubt,
Close your door, close your door.

Just look at drunkards as they reel;
Close your door, close your door
Do they not to your heart appeal?
Close your door, close your door.

Look at their homes, they've comforts none,
Their furniture, and all is gone;
They have no bed to rest upon,
Close your door, close your door.

The drunkard's child with rags she's clad,
Close your door, close your door,
Half starved to death, this sight 'tis sad,
Close your door, close your door.
His wife with care and grief doth go
To beg a crust of bread, or so;
All this, as well as we, you know,
Close your door, close your door.

Do stop at once this great supply,
Close your door, close your door,
And let not men, as drunkards, die,
Close your door, close your door.
Say to the man who does demand
A cup of poison in his hand,
'This is no more a whisky stand,
I've closed my door, I've closed my door."

"ORGANIZE."

The Secretary read a resolution requesting the ministers of the city and county, to call meetings and organize branches of the Women's Christian Temperance Association, and also to preach sermons for or against temperance.

The resolution was prepared by Rev. Mr. Dermitt.

Rev. Dr. Davidson thought the resolution was too indefinite to accomplish much. He suggested the appointment of an "organizing committee" to attend to the establishment of branches in the different churches.

After some remarks by several ladies the resolution was laid on the table.

ON "WOMAN'S SIDE."

The Chair read the following, handed in by a friend of the gentleman referred to:

Rev. Mr. Howard was unable to be present with us but for illness in his family. He is on the "woman's side."

The reading of the card was received with applause.

PARSON SCOVEL EXPLAINS.

Rev. Dr. Scovel, then took the platform, and make a few remarks explanatory of the position of some of the ministry and of himself. What he *had* really said last Sunday evening had been published in an evening paper in full, as he had written it, and he would not make an further explanation that way. The charge had been made that the ministry were opposed to the movement, and would not support it till it became popular. That was the first time a ministry that he had heard a charge made that the clergymen were opposed to any good movement, and it was not true. The means which were at the center of this movement—prayer and persuasion—he most heartily endorsed, and that he further would aid in every way he could so far as the limits of legality and ultimate decisions were concerned. He wanted the ladies to go forward and present their modest request to the saloon keepers in a modest way, not forgetting that they were women. They should hold their meetings, and stir up a temperance feeling; and in that way, by their united personal influence, they could accomplish all that any movement could possibly accomplish. There were many ways of effecting work without going to the saloons. There was, for instance, the Local Option law, which was in danger. Public sentiment might be stirred up in that matter, and from Erie to Harrisburg to Pittsburg be taught, by public meetings and speeches, and resolutions and petitions, that the people wanted that law let alone.

He did not like to see this spirit which condemned all the ministry, and all good men and women, who honestly could not coincide in all the details of the movement as seen elsewhere, and he hoped the meeting would give some expression of disapproval of such a spirit. He believed in keeping up a temperance spirit in the church, in the house circle, in the social circle, in the public meeting, and the effect would soon be felt in the saloons.

THE PENITENTIARY ARGUMENT."

Mrs. Hill said it was all well enough to talk calmly over the matter, and discuss plans, but she had gone into the work under God's guidance, and would go forward wherever He led—even if that was into the saloon. She had, however, no especial desire to go that far if the end in view could otherwise be accomplished.

They said if the women went on the world would get into the Penitentiary. [Laughter.] It would take some pretty large penitentiaries to hold them all, and the men would have to pay a fearful tax to keep them up. [Laughter] She wanted the whisky people to know that the women did not propose to yield to their modest request to let them alone, but that they wanted all the saloons closed, and the accursed traffic stopped, and that there would be no agitation.

"ENLIST FOR THE WAR."

The Chair then requested the Vice Presidents of the association to circulate the books through the audience for the signatures of such ladies as were willing to aid in the movement or as brother McKee would say, "enlist for the war."

"A HEARTY AMEN."

Rev. W. H. Gill said he wanted to add a hearty Amen to the whole woman's crusade, as he believed it was the only true temperance movement that had ever been started. [Applause.] He didn't believe much in legislation. The people ought to combat the evil themselves. It was important to combat the iniquity, but did believe in applying to the Lord. He said to the women as was said to the children of Israel, 'Go forward" and the Lord will guide you.

The speaker also extended a hearty invitation to the ladies to hold a meeting on the North Side, in the Central Presbyterian church.

A GENERAL ADJOURNMENT.

It was now half-past five o'clock, and the audience began to disperse. They were detained a moment, however, by

Rev. Mr. Hanna announced that the next meeting would be held in the Smithfield street M. E Church, at 2½ o'clock, next Monday.

The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. Mr. Hanna, and the crowd homewards.

Church Temperance Society Organized.

Last night in the First Presbyterian church, a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a temperance society. After prayer and singing, remarks were made by members of the church, when the meeting was organized. The following officers were chosen: President, Rev. S. F. Scovel; First Vice President, A. M. Marshall; Second Vice President, Miss Mary Black-stock; Secretary, W. Talley. Remonstrances and petitions against the repeal of the Local Option law were presented. There was a good attendance of members present, and the society intends to hold regular meetings.

THE COURTS.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court.

(Before Judge McCandless.)

The session of this Court yesterday was occupied entirely in the transaction of bankruptcy business.

In the matter of the petition of John T. Dale, of Forrest county, for his discharge in bankruptcy, final hearing was ordered before Register Rogers.

S. W. Paine, of Bradford county, having complied with all the requirements of the act, was discharged from bankruptcy.

In the matter of Wm. Adams, of this county, the assignee reported the sale of certain real estate, which sales were confirmed and the necessary deeds ordered to be executed.

A similar proceeding was had in the matter of Heckleman & Hammill, of Allegheny.

The petition of Thomas Stewart, a creditor of Mr. R. Colvin, of Luzerne county, bankrupt for the ascertainment and liquidation of certain claims was presented and referred to Register Willard, of Scranton, and so report.

In the case of McElroy & Dickson, of this city, against Wm. Carmichael, of Mercer county, the hearing on motion for an injunction against certain execution creditors was continued until to-day.

Edward Nicholas and the M. & M. Bank of Scranton, Pa., creditors of Michael Lutze, of Scranton, bankrupt, presented petitions praying for the ascertainment and liquidation of certain alleged liens. Referred to Register Willard.

Court of Common Pleas.

[Before Judges Sterrett and Stowe.]

Lane et ux. vs. Henderson and Lignet vs. Wilherton, actions in ejectment being tried together before Judge Stowe have not yet been concluded.

Abraham vs. Abraham's executor, action to recover money loaned I. R. Abraham previous to his demise, is on trial.

Action to have a ferry, previously reported, the jury awarded plaintiffs $191.64.

McKee vs. Ticken, reported yesterday, a verdict was rendered for plaintiff for $8,25.

A final order was granted in the application for a charter of the Peoples' Building and Loan Association of the South Side.

Trial List for To-day.

O'Hanlon vs. Insurance Co.
Atkinson vs. Hill et ux.
Freshwater vs. Sheppard.
Smith vs. Bell et ux.
Phillips vs. Chambers.
Hanlon vs. Bingler.
Jahniser vs. Cushing; 3 cases.
Clark vs. Duncan.

District Court.

(Before Judges Kirkpatrick and White.)

Huber et ux. vs. Keel, action to recover for slander is on trial before Judge White's bench.

Tenth Ward Bank vs. Moorhead, Adams & Co., counsel furnished their argument yesterday and Judge Kirkpatrick will charge the jury this morning.

Coyle vs. Hall, action to recover damages caused by water flowing into the premises of plaintiff. Jury out.

Trial List for To-day.

Huber et ux. vs. Klee.
Chisholm vs. Buesie.
Aughenbaugh vs. Becker.
Wilson et ux. vs. Shaver.
Acorn vs. Allegheny City.
Sorber vs. Carline.
Delker vs. Sinclair.

Criminal Court.

[Before Judge Ollier.]

Trial List for To-day.

Commonwealth vs.
Fred. Guppert. Oyler & Mack.
Sarah Reed. John W. Kelly.
Geo. Herche. Michael Kofman.
Annie Rothmund. Charles Brooks.
Emma Appenroth. John Regan.
Wm. Feckle. Patrick McCarthy.
Michael Curley. James Morgan.
Jos. Myers. Harry Johnson.
Griffith Taylor.

Stoves, Stoves, Stoves.

Before purchasing elsewhere, all who are in need of a stove should by all means call and examine the very excellent assortment to be found at the ware rooms of Messrs. De Haven & Son, No. 22 Wood street. They manufacture several kinds, which are considered by those who have used them to be superior in baking, roasting and other qualities to those of any other manufacture. In the matter of fuel their stoves are contructed with regard to strict economy.

Woman Suffrage.

Miss Jane O. De Forest will address the Woman Suffrage Association on Friday evening, March 5th at 7½ o'clock in the Temperance Alliance Rooms, corner Penn and Sixth streets. Subject—"The Morning Dawns." Admission 25 cents.

European Steamship Arrivals Yesterday.

A dispatch received at Max Schamberg's European Steamship and Telegraph office, at No. 163 Smithfield street announces the arrival of the steamer Idaho at New York; Ethiopia at Moville; Hansa at Southampton, after having suffered damage from collisions, others,

DISCUSSING WATER.

The Water Committee Hold a Regular Monthly Meeting—Interesting Items Relative to the New Water System—Expenditures for Labor in February—A Concise Statement of What the Works has Cost—Balance Sheet Discrepancies.

The Water Committee met last night in the Water Commission room in regular monthly session, Mr. Chalmers in the chair.

SECRETARY DUFF'S STATUS.

Mr. McCarthy presented a resolution declaring Mr. John T. Duff as the Secretary of the Committee from the 1st day of March, 1874, until the 1st day of March, 1875. He desired this passed, because he understood Mr. Duff was being harrassed by conspirators who were desirous of ousting him from his position.

The chairman ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. Harrison was willing to pass the resolution, but that the committee would probably conclude its water extension business with the present meeting, and Councils would probably take the matter out of their hands.

The chairman stated that was precisely the reason he ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. McCarthy said he merely desired that Mr. Duff be given some guarantee that his position shall be permanent, and thus prevent the harassment spoken of.

It was then declared by common consent that Mr. Duff be considered a fixture so far as the committee's power extends.

MORE WATER BONDS WANTED.

Mr. Watson moved that steps be taken toward forwarding and requesting the passage of an act of Assembly empowering the city to issue bonds in an amount to be agreed upon, for the purpose of completing the water works.

Mr. McCarthy thought it advisable for the committee to estimate the sum needed in addition to the sum on hand.

Mr. Watson said the Legislature would adjourn shortly, and would not re-convene for two years; it was, therefore, necessary to act promptly.

The Chairman stated that the securities on hand to the credit of the works summed up $279,000 when the committee took hold a few weeks since, besides $1,000,000 in cash.

Mr. Aull wished to know whether these assetts included the locked up funds in the Nation Trust Company scheme.

The Chairman replied that the bonds, etc., referred to were thus included.

Mr. McCarty said the city was already authorized to issue $4,500,000, which he thought sufficient.

The Chairman replied that the act only called for $3,500,000, to which statement Mr. McCarthy disagreed.

Pending this disagreement of $1,000,000, it was decided to postpone further consideration of Mr. Watson's proposition.

The monthly pay roll of street hands, amounting to $2,304.22, was presented and approved.

MONEY EXPENDED LAST MONTH.

The following estimates and pay rolls for the month of February were presented, examined and approved:

Mechanical engineer	$ 766 44
Chief Engineer bills	424 82
" pay rolls	2,563 00
Surveying pipe	342 50
Koh's quarry	3,531 62
Foundations	1,332 74
Street hands	3,302 41
Estimates (Brilliant Hill)	2,939 30
Hiland	2,507 46
Herron Hill	5,429 67
Hartupee's 1st engine	2,054 49